

State of Michigan
State Agency Roles and Responsibilities for Legionella Related Cases

State Agency	Primary Areas or Provider Types	Responsibility	When to Contact State Agency	Supplemental Information	Contact Information
Health and Human Services (HHS)	Medical/healthcare facilities in MI (i.e., hospitals, long term care/skilled nursing, outpatient clinic settings) Non-healthcare facilities in MI (i.e., Hotels/resorts, assisted living, senior living, manufacturing/factory/business settings, recreational water settings, etc.)	Oversees and conducts surveillance on all reported Michigan legionellosis cases, as well as non-MI residents reporting potential Michigan exposures. Supports MI local health jurisdictions with facility and clinical case investigations. Assists with environmental sampling in outbreak / investigation scenarios. Provides guidance and resources to local health and facilities within their jurisdictions.	Initiation of and assistance/guidance with <i>Legionella</i> facility investigations in response to associated clinical cases (i.e., communications/resources/recommendations to facilities, interpreting sampling results, reviewing materials/information provided by facility). Assistance with classifying clinical cases and CRF completion in MDSS. Coordination of water/environmental sampling supplies, assistance with on-site sampling, and sample submission to BOL. Assistance with or feedback for facility Water Management Programs (WMPs).	• Prevent Legionnaire's Disease Training (CDC) • CDC WMP Toolkit • Legionellosis Surveillance and Investigation protocol • CDC Legionellosis Case Definition: Legionellosis CDC • CDC ELITE Third Party Labs List: CDC - ELITE Program • Legionella Sampling Procedure and Potential Sampling Sites • CSTE LD Risk Communication Toolkit: ld_risk_communications_toolk.pdf	Jake Reece, MPH, REHS/RS Legionellosis Epidemiologist Surveillance and Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section Communicable Disease Division, MDHHS Cell: 517-243-9735 Email: reecej2@michigan.gov Carly Gomez, PhD Legionellosis Industrial Hygienist Enteric and Respiratory Illness Epidemiology Section, Emerging Infectious Diseases Division, MDHHS Cell: 517-898-4987 Email: gomezc8@michigan.gov
Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) – Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division (DWEHD)	Statewide drinking water for facilities receiving their water from a municipal water supply.	Permitting and oversight for community and noncommunity secondary treatment public water supplies.	EGLE must be contacted if a facility plans to install a treatment system to inject chemical (chlorine, monochloramine, phosphate, silica, etc.) into their incoming potable municipal water supply.	The addition of a chemical into an incoming municipal water supply is considered secondary treatment. Installation of a secondary treatment system causes a facility to meet the definition of a public water supply and be subject to regulation as such. Secondary treatment systems must be permitted by EGLE prior to installation and are subject to ongoing oversight by EGLE. For further information on secondary treatment and the regulation of these public water supplies please visit the webpage: https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/Drinking-Water-and-Environmental-Health/drinking-water/secondary-treatment	EGLE-ST@michigan.gov Robert VanDyke, P.E. Noncommunity Water Supplies Engineering Unit Supervisor (517) 605-1247 VanDykeR2@michigan.gov
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) – Bureau Community and Health Systems (BCHS)	• Adult Foster Care (AFC) Facilities • Homes for the Aged (HFA) • Hospice Residences • Hospitals • Nursing Homes • Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Residential Settings	State licensure of facilities. Licensure requirements include communicable disease surveillance, infection prevention and control, and water management plans (limited requirements in AFC and SUD settings). BCHS conducts routine inspections/investigations to ensure compliance with licensure requirements.	BCHS can assist LHDs when a state licensed facility is not complying with LHD recommendations related to Legionella prevention and control. BCHS defers to DHHS and LHD on water sampling, communication of test results, etc., during an ongoing investigation. BCHS’ primary role is to encourage the licensed facility to cooperate with the LHD efforts.	Independent living and assisted living facilities are not state licensed in Michigan. These facilities are also not considered health care facilities per the CDC. However, these facilities may offer a high level of services that may require the location to have an AFC or HFA license for all or a portion of the facility. Use the following link to see if a state license exists for a location - Verify License. (Recommend searching by address and not facility name.) Licensure requires a water management program for hospitals, nursing homes, freestanding surgical outpatient facilities, and hospice residences, but not for homes for the aged.	611 W Ottawa St Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 335-1980 BCHS-Help@michigan.gov Larry Horvath, BCHS Director (517) 643-5165 horvathl@michigan.gov
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) – Bureau of Survey and Certification (BSC)	• Hospice Residences • Hospitals • Nursing Homes • Other provider types do not have WMP regulations	Federal certification of facilities on behalf of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). LARA BSC acts as the State Agency (SA) to enforce CMS regulations, which include routine surveys and complaint investigations.	BSC can investigate if there is a credible allegation that a facility is not in compliance with CMS regulation.	BSC’s role is regulatory in nature and is limited to CMS regulations. The CDC definition of health care facilities does include surgical centers and dialysis clinics, however there are no specific CMS legionella/WMP regulations for those provider types. Federal certification requires a water management program for hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice residences.	611 W Ottawa St Lansing, MI 48909 LARA-BSCHelp@michigan.gov 517-284-0193 Laura Remus, Environmental Health & Safety Section Manager 517-388-6233 RemusL@michigan.gov
Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) – Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA)	Public and private employers not including Federal Government establishments/ employers. Domestic and Mining Employment are not covered under MIOsha Act 154.	Conduct inspections to ensure that employers are providing a workplace free from recognized hazards causing, or likely to cause, death or serious physical harm to the employee. MIOsha primarily conducts legionella inspection activities-based complaint or referrals from employers or other agencies.	MIOSHA may conduct inspections where employees are exposed to legionella in their workplace. MIOsha would require reporting from employers when there is a work-related hospitalization or fatality, including those from legionella.	MIOSHA does not have a specific standard for Legionella and may rely on the General Duty Clause to enforce the requirements of a workplace free from recognized hazards. MIOsha cannot specifically require an employer to follow a certain consensus standard or guidance (e.g. ASHRAE, CDC, AIHA) but instead must evaluate if employers’ controls sufficiently protect employees.	530 W. Allegan Street P.O. Box 30643 Lansing, Michigan 48909-8143 MIOSHA Main Line 800-866-4674

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