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Dear Neighbor,

The [REDACTED] Health Department is working with building management to test the water in your building because two tenants have been reported sick with Legionnaires' disease within the past 12 months. Following the Health Department's public notification protocol for Legionnaires' disease, tenants are notified when there are two or more cases reported at a single address in a 12-month period. We wanted to notify you right away about this testing, and we will keep you informed once we have the results.

Legionnaires' disease is a type of pneumonia caused by bacteria. People who inhale water vapor (mist) that contains the bacteria can get sick. Water vapor can be warm or cool and can come from showers, faucets or cooling towers (units usually located on top of a building that cool the building.)

The risk of getting sick from a building's water supply is very low, especially for healthy people. The most important thing you can do is to get medical attention right away if you start having symptoms such as fever, chills, muscle aches and cough. This is even more important if you are aged 50 or older (especially if you smoke cigarettes), have chronic lung disease, have a weakened immune system or take medicines that weaken your immune system.

If you have one of the health issues above, take these extra steps as a precaution:

- Don't take a shower, even a cool shower – since it could create water vapor (mist). Instead, take a bath, but fill the tub slowly. Try to minimize your time in the bathroom while the tub is filling.
- It's fine to wash dishes, but fill the sink slowly to avoid creating mist.
- It's fine to drink cold water from the tap, but start with cold water when heating water for tea, coffee or cooking.
- You do not need to wear a mask.

We will continue to update you on important information about your building. If you have questions about your building, please leave a message with the Health Department's Community Affairs Unit by calling [REDACTED]. Be sure to include your name and contact information. Please visit [REDACTED] for the latest information on Legionnaires' disease.

Sincerely,