

Resources for Water Management/ Water Management Programs- Long-Term Care

CMS Requirements

[Requirement to Reduce Legionella Risk in Healthcare Facility Water Systems to Prevent Cases and Outbreaks of Legionnaire’s Disease](#)

(Revised to clarify expectations for providers, Accrediting Organizations, and Surveyors)

Illinois State Regulation

[Required Notification of Legionellosis Cases](#)

Cases of legionellosis must be reported to the Health Department within 3 days (by phone, fax, or via electronic disease reporting system).

[Regulatory Compliance- Illinois Administrative Code Title 77, Section 300.700](#)

- a) *A facility shall develop a policy for testing its water supply for Legionella bacteria. The policy shall include the frequency with which testing is conducted. The policy and the results of any tests and corrective actions taken shall be made available to the Department upon request. (Section 3-206.06 of the Act)*
- b) The policy shall be based on the ASHRAE Guideline "Managing the Risk of Legionellosis Associated with Building Water Systems" and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Toolkit for Controlling Legionella in Common Sources of Exposure". The policy shall include, at a minimum:
 - 1) A procedure to conduct a facility risk assessment to identify potential Legionella and other waterborne pathogens in the facility water system;
 - 2) A water management program that identifies specific testing protocols and acceptable ranges for control measures; and
 - 3) A system to document the results of testing and corrective actions taken.

How to Develop a Water Management Program

[CDC Water Management Program Toolkit](#)

Water Infection Control Assessment (WICRA)

[Water Infection Control Risk Assessment \(WICRA\)- CDC](#)

[Water Infection Risk Assessment \(WICRA\) Template](#)

[Water Infection Risk Assessment \(WICRA\) Sample](#)

Legionella Training

[CDC Legionella Training](#)

This 3-hour self-paced training provides education on creating a water management program to reduce the risk for legionellosis within facilities; it aligns with industry standards (ASHRAE) and CMS requirements.