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Board Memo 179-2024: Update on Health Issues at Bedford Park LPC

Executive Board,

The USPS has provided NAPS headquarters with an update regarding employees at the Bedford Park LPC testing positive for Legionnaires disease on November 13th.

USPS update:

Management authorized, and contractors completed a complete flushing of the water system at the Bedford Park facility on November 14, 2024, as a precautionary measure following the report of two employees having contracted Legionnaires disease, one in August with the second in September.

Attached please find Illinois 2 District Safety Specialist Alison Klutz's Facility Report confirming the South Suburban Initial Walk thru was conducted on November 13, 2024 at approximately 11:00 am., with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Kathryn Nelson, Public Service Administrator, along with the Stickney Public Health.

Chris Lesniak, Water Superintendent, Village of Bedford Park, Illinois confirmed on Friday, November 15 "Bedford Park has NO contamination issues with the water."

His department samples the water every two weeks and test results continue to confirm the water is safe for drinking.

The local union officials have been notified of the results and Stand-Up Talks have been provided.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you and be safe.

NAPS Headquarters

Facility Report

South Suburban Initial Walk thru was conducted on November 13, 2024 at approximately 11:00 am., with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Kathryn Nelson, Public Service Administrator, along with the Stickney Public Health.

An opening meeting was conducted where the process was explained. They advised that this visit was standard practice whenever there is more than one reported case of Legionnaires within a 12-month period and the individuals have any location commonality. They advised that the case dates were July 2024 and September 2024. Both males, over the age of 50. Neither reported water exposure and both were diagnosed via urine antigen testing. They advised that this testing was just part of health department due diligence.

After narrowing down the locations of where these two employees worked, two separate groups, accompanied by postal maintenance began conducting sampling. A total of eleven (11) samples were taken, bulk water and swab samples. The samples were taken from the men's restroom sink, HVAC cooling towers, water fountains, canteen and boiler rooms. They mentioned that water fountains were not an area of concern, but samples were taken there as well.

The Health Department did not have any recommendations at this time. No major concerns were noted especially since this is a 24-hour facility and water is constantly being flushed through our systems.

Sample results will be received within seven (7) days. However, if culture results detect alarming rates, we will receive results within about 24 hours to drinking water restrictions.

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