



April 19, 2023

Dear Residents and Families:

Last evening we learned that an individual who was discharged earlier this month tested positive for Legionellosis. Legionellosis, sometimes called Legionnaire's disease, is a highly treatable infection caused by bacteria found in water systems. It is not spread from person to person. Unfortunately, reports of Legionella are quite common in New York City, particularly in healthcare facilities.

The health and safety of our patients and residents is always our number one priority, and we have invested heavily in recent years to upgrade our water system and establish a rigorous water quality-testing program. We are unsure where this individual was exposed to the Legionella bacteria, but we are taking every precaution to protect the residents and staff of the Home.

Our immediate actions included, notifying the New York State Department of Health, notifying residents and families of the positive result and bringing in our water management vendor to perform tests in various locations to measure levels of bacteria to ensure safe levels are maintained.

We are staying in close contact with the Department of Health, consulting with our outside experts and continuing to follow all recommended state and federal guidelines and healthcare industry best practices to protect our residents, staff and guests.

I look forward to keeping the entire MMW community informed as necessary as additional information becomes available. Should you have any questions or concerns about the situation or the precautionary measures we are taking in the meantime, please don't hesitate to speak with a member of your care team or call me at 212-628-2800, ext. 2320.

Sincerely,

Michael Monahan, LNHA
Executive Director