



**MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
HEADQUARTERS 127<sup>TH</sup> WING (ACC)  
SELFRIDGE ANG BASE, MICHIGAN**

30 July 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR Selfridge Employees and Patrons

FROM 127WG/CC

SUBJECT: Legionnaires Disease

As part of my continued effort to provide the most current and accurate updates related to the illnesses and legionnaires' disease reported at Selfridge, I would like to share the following:

- 1) Over the course of the past 10 days there have been personnel associated with missions at Selfridge who reported becoming ill with respiratory illnesses. Some of these personnel have been diagnosed with Legionnaire's disease and are receiving medical care. Most of these persons shared the same workplace identified as buildings 325 and 326. TACOM relocated the people who work in these buildings last week, and the facilities have undergone a detailed sanitization. Indoor air, drinking water and cooler tower water have all been sampled and sent away for testing.
- 2) Legionnaires disease is not transmitted person to person. It is caused by legionnella, a naturally occurring bacteria associated with water, which can cause varying degrees of disease.
- 3) Legionnaires' disease can present symptoms like many other forms of pneumonia, so it can be hard to diagnose at first. Signs of the disease can include: a high fever, chills, and a cough. Some people may also suffer from muscle aches and headaches. Most people exposed to the bacteria do not become ill. If you have reason to believe you were exposed to this bacteria and are experiencing these symptoms, you are encouraged to talk to your doctor.
- 4) I encourage all of you to be patient as we continue to gather information and recommendations on our way forward. Your cooperation and collaboration is critical to our success and vital to the safety and health of our workforce. We will continue to keep you posted as new information becomes available.
- 5) Again, as always we encourage questions or concerns to contact either the 127th Public Health Office at ext. 5872, or you can contact the Military Medical Readiness & Occupational Health Center-Detroit Arsenal for additional information at [dami\\_medical@us.army.mil](mailto:dami_medical@us.army.mil).

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