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VIA EMAIL: recordsaccess@health.nyc.gov

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New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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Re: FOIL Request related to Legionnaires' disease community cluster

Dear Records Access Officer:

This FOIL request relates to the Legionnaires' disease community cluster that developed on the Upper East Side this summer. Remapping Debate seeks the following records:

(1) The laboratory report or reports that analyzed the culture sample or samples for each cooling tower that tested culture-positive, including serogroup (as, for example, *Legionella pneumophila*, subgroup 1) and subtypes obtained, and further including concentration levels in CFUs/ml.

(2) Those records, individually or collectively, that reflect how many of the confirmed Legionnaires' cases (currently listed as 92 by DOHMH) had to be seen in the ICU at any point.

(3) Those records, individually or collectively, that reflect how many of the confirmed Legionnaires' cases (currently listed as 92 by DOHMH) had to be put on a ventilator at any point.

(4) In respect to Legionnaires' patients who live in the three zip-code area that was the focus of the investigation (10028, 10075, 10128), please provide the records that show the home address of each, redacting apartment number and omitting the last digit of the house number. Hence, "230 East 88th Street" becomes "23* East 88th Street" and "1400 Lexington Avenue" becomes "140* Lexington Avenue."

(5) In respect to Legionnaires' patients who work but do *not* live in the three zip-code area that was the focus of the investigation, please provide the records that show the work address of each, redacting apartment number and omitting the last digit of the house number, as with Request 4.

With respect to Requests 2-5, or any of them, it may be that there is a universe of responsive records broader than is necessary to establish the information sought. In that case, we are happy to discuss your production of only a subset of those records.

Very truly yours,

Craig Gurian

Craig Gurian, Editor