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Mr Gerard Hayes
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Via Email: secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes

Re: Identification of Legionella species in warm water at Camden Haven Health One - 66 Norman St, Laurieton NSW 2443

I write to advise of the identification of a Legionella species in the warm water at one of our health facilities, Camden Haven Health One (CHHO) Facility – 66 Norman St, Laurieton NSW 2443.

As part of the Mid North Coast Health District's maintenance schedule to our health facilities we are required to perform routine testing of warm water samples. As part of this maintenance schedule, we have recently performed water testing at the Camden Haven Health One Facility.

This letter is to provide advice to you on the results of this testing and advise that the samples from this facility have returned results indicating that there are traces of bacteria present.

The bacteria that has been identified is Legionella pneumophila.

Whilst the risk is very small, it is possible this type of Legionella may cause illness. The usual incubation period is between 2 to 14 days and the symptoms may include cough, fever, shortness of breath, lethargy, generalised aches, pains and headaches.

The appropriate actions have been taken to manage in accordance with the MNCLHD Health Care Facility Legionella Monitoring Response Protocol.

Patients and staff are in the process of receiving letters updating them of the situation and information on what actions the LHD is currently implementing and what to do in the event of being symptomatic. I have provided a copy of the letter sent to staff of the facility for your information.

There will be a meeting for staff of CHHO on Monday 19 February 2024 to provide an update and address any concerns.

If you require any further information, please contact Kate Meredith, Associate Director Integrated Care, Allied Health and Community Services at Kate.Meredith1@health.nsw.gov.au or mobile 0400 309 822.

Yours sincerely



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