



# GARRETT LABORATORIES, INC.

*Assuring the quality and safety of food, water and the  
environment since 1971*

## About Garrett Labs

Garrett Laboratories, Inc. was founded in 1971 by Robert and Emily Garrett to provide analytical compliance testing to the dairy industry in Michigan and Northern Indiana. Today, Garrett Laboratories provides water testing services for commercial facilities, homeowners, the real estate industry and public water suppliers throughout Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

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## Legionella Testing Now Available

**Legionella Pneumophila is a bacteria that can lead to infections known as Legionellosis. The severity varies from mild febrile illness (Pontiac Fever) to a potentially fatal form of pneumonia called Legionnaires' Disease.**

Legionnaires' disease is a legitimate public health concern as its fatality rate during an outbreak ranges from 5% to 30% in those who contract the disease. The immediate consequences for the building owner or manager faced with liability claims and negative publicity can be devastating and extremely costly.

Many experts agree that proactively managing the risk of Legionella bacteria in cooling towers and water systems is more cost effective than responding to an outbreak retroactively.



## Who's at Risk?

- People 50 years or older
- Infants
- Current or former smokers
- People with a chronic lung disease
- People with weak immune systems or who take drugs that weaken the immune system
- People with cancer
- People with underlying illnesses such as diabetes, kidney failure, or liver failure

**Effective June 2, 2017, nursing and retirement facilities must conduct a facility risk assessment to identify potential locations for Legionella bacteria.**

## Where is Legionella Found?

Any commercial facility where water is used or stored (for example sinks, taps, showers, hot tubs, water tanks, cooling towers, decorative fountains, toilets, hot and cold water supply) and where there is a means of creating and transmitting water droplets which may be inhaled, thereby causing a reasonably foreseeable risk of exposure to legionella bacteria.



This includes care homes, hotels, guest houses, spas/leisure centers, dental and surgical centers, health care premises, schools, universities, colleges and manufacturing/distribution sites.

Legionella testing is required to ensure compliance with the 42 Code of Federal Regulations (42CFR). In addition, effective June 2, 2017, nursing and retirement facilities must conduct a facility risk assessment to identify potential locations for Legionella bacteria.

### ***Our Legionella Testing Includes:***

- *Free risk assessment for your facility*
- *Sample pick up if needed*
- *In-house testing in our certified laboratory*
- *Fast and accurate results*
- *Free sampling kits upon request*
- *Friendly and professional customer service*