



Legionellosis

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Case Information:

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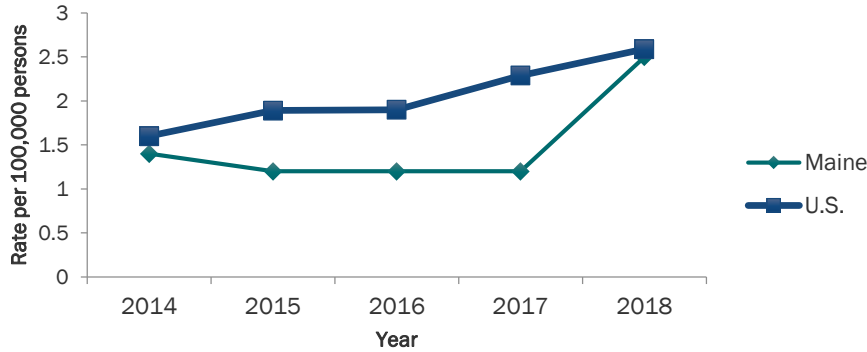
Patients diagnosed with legionellosis

2.5

Cases per 100,000 people

60%

increase since 2017



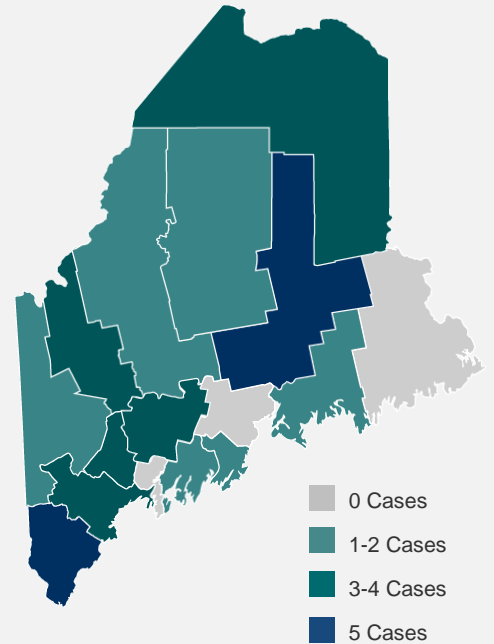
Demographics:



55% of patients were male

61 years old on average

Geography:



Characteristics:

High Risk Exposures



- None identified
- Long-term care facility stay
- Healthcare facility stay
- Hot tub use
- Multiple exposures

5 Traveled outside of Maine during incubation period

100% of patients were hospitalized

People at increased risk:



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

How it spreads:

- People get Legionnaires' Disease when they breathe in small droplets of water containing *Legionella* bacteria
- People can not spread *Legionella* to other people

For more information visit:

www.maine.gov/idepi

www.cdc.gov/legionella