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## LEGIONNAIRES OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION UPDATE

MEMPHIS – The Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) will provide periodic updates on the Legionnaires outbreak investigation of the La Quinta Inn, located at 2979 Millbranch Road, as new information is available. Highlighted below is an update as of Wed., Sept. 28.

**Laboratory Confirmed Cases: 6**

**Status of Establishment: Remains closed**

**Communication: SCHD staff is working with the La Quinta Inn to identify and notify those individuals who visited the hotel during the time of exposure beginning July 1, 2016 through the date of closure, Sept. 22, which includes more than 6,000 reservations.**

Many exposed to Legionnaires do not become ill, but symptoms can be similar to forms of pneumonia including cough, shortness of breath, high fever, muscle aches and headaches which can last between two and 14 days after exposure. Antibiotics are usually prescribed to treat the symptoms.

**Individuals who had reservations at the La Quinta Inn located at 2979 Millbranch Road during the time of exposure and have experienced any of the aforementioned signs or symptoms should contact the SCHD Investigation Hotline at (901) 222-9299.**

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