



Alliance to Prevent Legionnaires' Disease

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Who We Are:

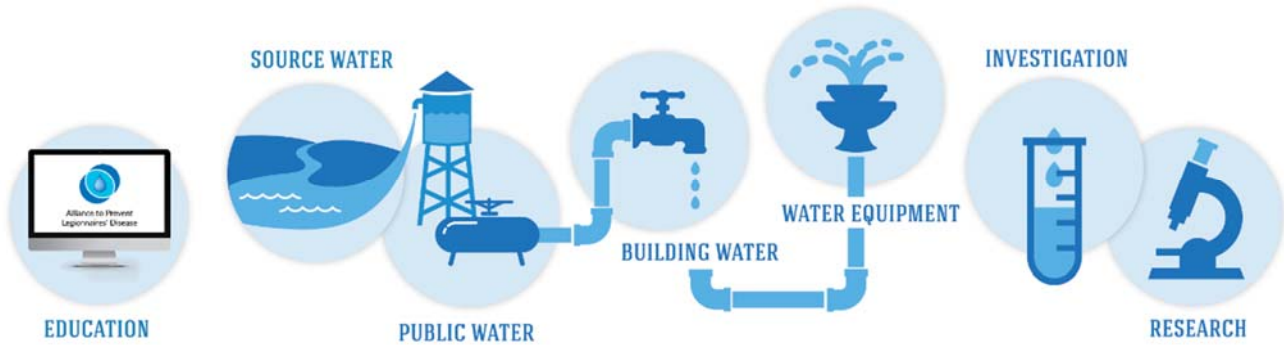
The Alliance to Prevent Legionnaires' Disease (APLD) is a non-profit, voluntary organization comprising public health/medical professionals, water utility experts, environmental advocates, engineers, water treatment professionals and manufacturers of water-based equipment and fixtures to advocate for comprehensive approaches to limit the growth and spread of Legionella bacteria and other waterborne pathogens. For more information about the Alliance, please visit www.preventlegionnaires.org.

Our Mission:

The Alliance's mission is to reduce the occurrence of Legionnaires' disease by promoting public research and education on the disease, and best practices and policy for its prevention.

Our Advocacy:

APLD advocates for source-to-tap solutions for preventing Legionnaires' disease. Ensuring the water that flows into buildings is properly disinfected against *Legionella* and other waterborne pathogens is the first and primary line of defense to address *Legionella* amplification and prevent disease. This, coupled with robust water management is the only way to ensure that water we use and consume every day is safe and free of pathogens.



Why We Advocate:

96% of all Legionnaires' disease cases are considered single/sporadic. Individuals with asthma, chronic lung disease or other conditions like cancer which can suppress the immune system as well as those who are aged 50 or older or who smoke are at an increased risk of developing this disease. To date, the response has been narrowly focused on addressing the 4% of cases associated with outbreaks. This means that the vast majority of cases are rarely investigated. The Alliance to Prevent Legionnaires' Disease believes that every case deserves attention and every patient and family deserves protection from this preventable disease. This can only be accomplished through comprehensive solutions.

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