

## What is Legionnaires' Disease?

Legionnaires' disease is a type of pneumonia that is caused by legionella bacteria, which grows best in warm water.

■ **Causes:** By breathing in mist from contaminated water sources, such as hot tubs that are not cleaned, hot water heaters, plumbing systems, cooling towers, and other stagnant pools of water

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■ **Those at risk:** People 50 years or older, current or former smokers, those with a weak immune system, or those with lung disease

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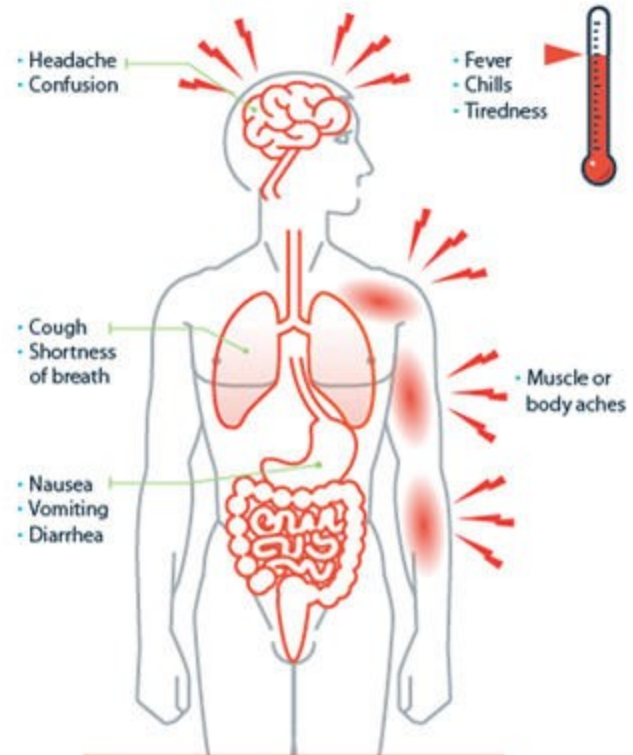
■ **Treatment:** Course of antibiotics as administered by your doctor

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## SYMPTOMS



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Symptoms usually begin 2 to 10 days after being exposed to *Legionella*.

