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## New CDC Vital Signs Report on Legionnaires' Disease: What You Need to Know

June 6, 2017--This afternoon the CDC released its latest [Vital Signs report](#), which focuses on how Legionnaires' Disease affects the healthcare system and how a comprehensive water treatment and management program is the most effective method of prevention.

The report frequently cites ASHRAE Standard 188, which was developed by a large committee of subject and related-subject matter experts along with voting member representatives from seven professional organizations that represent stakeholders and associations with keen interest in the first US standard on *legionella*. Included in that development was AWT and Bill Pearson, CWT, who was the AWT organizational representative voting member.

[Read the entire Vital Signs June 2017 Report.](#)



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## Water Management Program Guidelines

As part of the release of the report, the CDC also unveiled its new standards toolkit titled, "Developing a Water Management Program to Reduce *Legionella* Growth and Spread in Buildings: A Practical Guide."



This guide has been available in the past, but has been updated to reflect the current stance of the CDC. The most important change to this guide is that the CDC now specifically recommends contacting water treatment professionals to develop a water management plan to effectively prevent or eliminate *legionella*. Previously, the guide simply advised the facility to contact a plumber.

[View the Toolkit](#)

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## New Resources for Members' Customers

The CDC also released a [new fact sheet](#) that may be helpful in educating your current or potential customer base on the need for effective water treatment. The articles in the fact sheet include:

- What can be done about Legionnaires' Disease?
- Healthcare facilities
- Legionnaires' Disease: A problem for health care facilities

[Download the Fact Sheet](#)

