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**STATEMENT FROM NYC HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. ALISTER F. MARTIN UPDATING
NEW YORKERS ON UPPER EAST SIDE LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE INVESTIGATION**

NEW YORK, NY — New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Alister F. Martin issued the following statement updating New Yorkers on the Legionnaires' Disease community cluster investigation on the Upper East Side:

"We hope everyone is having a joyful and safe Fourth of July weekend. After four days of extremely high temperatures, we are pleased to see the city start to cool off. We also want to provide an update on the investigation into a Legionnaires' Disease community cluster on the Upper East Side.

As of July 4, there are 14 confirmed cases related to the Legionnaires' Disease community cluster on the Upper East Side. At least one of those cases is a person who lives, works, or has visited the zip code 10075. As a result, The NYC Health Department is adding this zip code to the investigation area with 10028 and 10128. We advise people to monitor for flu-like symptoms and to contact a healthcare provider immediately if symptoms occur. Additionally, out of an abundance of caution, anyone who visited the east side of Central Park from East 76th to East 97th Street, should also be monitoring their symptoms.

I want to acknowledge the NYC Health Department's staff of epidemiologists, water ecologists, community health workers, and many more who spent the last few days working to keep New Yorkers on the Upper East Side informed and safe. We identified the cluster early when there were just two confirmed cases, and we've acted swiftly and decisively, setting holiday plans aside to step up for our fellow New Yorkers. There is more work to do in the days ahead as we learn more about the source of exposure and confirmed cases. We will continue to keep New Yorkers updated as we receive more information."

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