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**STATEMENT FROM NYC HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. ALISTER F. MARTIN ON THE
UPPER EAST SIDE LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE COMMUNITY CLUSTER**

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:

"It is with great sadness that I report a third person has died in connection with the Legionnaires' disease community cluster on the Upper East Side. Our hearts are with their family and friends as they mourn their loss. Out of respect for their personal privacy, we will not be releasing any additional information about their passing.

As of today, we have identified 74 cases of Legionnaires' disease associated with the cluster, 8 people remain hospitalized, 51 have been discharged from the hospital, and three people have sadly died. While we continue to investigate cases and closely monitor those in the hospital, we have not identified anyone with new symptoms for more than a week, and we are not seeing any concerning trends in emergency department surveillance data. We believe the source of exposure has likely been eliminated due to our aggressive remediation and enforcement efforts. We will continue inspecting every cooling tower that tested positive and will hold accountable any owner who fails to comply with our public health laws.

We advise anyone who has spent time in the three affected ZIP codes — 10028, 10075, 10128 — to seek medical attention if they develop flu-like symptoms, as Legionnaires' disease symptoms can appear up to 14 days after exposure. We will continue to keep New Yorkers updated on the details of this investigation. The most up-to-date information is available on the Health Department's [website](https://www.nyc.gov/health)."

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