

What is Legionellosis?

Legionellosis is caused by the bacterium *Legionella pneumophila* and includes pneumonic form (Legionnaires disease) and the non-pneumonic form (Pontiac Fever).

Symptoms:

Legionnaires disease presents as pneumonia, with a dry non-productive cough and severe flu-like symptoms. It can occur sporadically as an uncommon cause of community-acquired pneumonia, or as cases associated with environmental sources such as hospitals, hotels and factories.

Further information on legionnaires disease see the [health protection surveillance](#).

Key resources:

[Public Health England: Legionnaires' disease: guidance, data and analysis](#)

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