



November 27, 2024

Dear Residents, Family and Staff at Peregrine Shaker,

We received the results of the third round of water samples collected at Peregrine Shaker on November 12th by the NYS Department of Health. I am happy to share that laboratory results revealed that all water samples cultured negative for Legionella bacteria, and we continue to have had no new positive cases.

Peregrine Shaker is committed to keeping its residents, staff and visitors safe. As I previously advised, we have retained a Certified Industrial Hygienist with expertise in Legionella who will continue to provide technical guidance on our water treatment approaches. Both New York State and Albany County Departments of Health, in consultation with our expert, believe it is appropriate to lift the water restrictions going forward and continue managing our water with a Water Management Plan.

After the Thanksgiving holiday, we will begin removing the point of use filters on the faucets throughout the community. We will be installing laminar flow aerators on all of the sink faucets which control the flow of the water to minimize aerosolized water droplets. Additionally, we will install new shower heads and connecting hoses in all residents' bathrooms.

With an on-going commitment to safety, we will continue to treat the municipal water coming into Peregrine Shaker with the state-of-the-art monochloramine water treatment system that was installed in September 2024. At this time, we will continue flushing all faucets twice daily.

I want to thank all of our residents, family and staff for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate through this and your continued dedication to keeping our community safe. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kristyn Ganim

Peregrine Shaker Executive Director



Legionellosis Disclosure

In September of 2024 water sampling detected Legionella bacteria in the potable water at Peregrine Shaker after some residents were diagnosed with legionellosis. Because of this, Peregrine Shaker continues to operate under water restrictions, which requires all water from faucets and showers be filtered when used by residents, staff and visitors. There are point-of-use filters with a 0.2 micron pore size on every faucet and shower. These filters serve as a protective barrier to help safeguard residents from exposure to any residual Legionella that may persist in the water system. Filters will remain in place as an additional protective measure to the ongoing monochloramine treatment of drinking water, and until the third round of Legionella laboratory testing are received. So far all testing of water sources in the facility have been negative.

Peregrine Shaker is committed to keeping its residents, staff and visitors safe. The following safety measures have been implemented:

- Authorized point-of-use filters are installed on all faucets and showers throughout Peregrine Shaker.
- A monochloramine water treatment system, designed to treat the municipal water coming into Peregrine Shaker, was installed in September 2024 and continuously adds disinfectant to the water supply throughout the community.
- Twice daily flushing of all faucets in Peregrine Shaker is performed by staff to facilitate effective distribution of the monochloramine.
- Peregrine Shaker has retained a consulting Certified Industrial Hygienist with expertise in Legionella assessment, remediation and testing to provide technical guidance on water treatment approaches.

While we continue to have no new positive cases of legionellosis, we are working closely with the New York State and Albany County Departments of Health. Lifting the water restrictions is at the discretion of the Albany County Department of Health. They have told us that we need to complete three consecutive water tests meeting DOH standards to reach that benchmark.

New York State Department of Health completed two rounds of water testing following the implementation of the water treatment program (with samples collected on September 23rd and October 15th). The first two rounds of testing revealed that none of the water samples cultured positive for Legionella bacteria.

They returned on Tuesday, November 12th to complete the third collection of water samples. We expect to receive the results of the third round of testing approximately two weeks after the Department of Health collected these samples.