



## Legionellosis Disclosure

In early September of 2024 water samples detected Legionella bacteria in the potable water at Peregrine Shaker after some residents were diagnosed with legionellosis. Peregrine Shaker quickly installed a water treatment system designed to treat the municipal water entering the building. While the treatment was put into effect, Peregrine Shaker operated under water restrictions for approximately 3 months. This required all water from faucets and showers to be filtered when used by residents, staff and visitors. These filters served as a protective barrier to help ensure that residents were not exposed to any residual Legionella that may persist in the water system while the water treatment system was implemented.

Peregrine Shaker worked closely with the Albany County and New York State Departments of Health to reach a safety benchmark and lift the water restrictions. From September through November 2024 the New York State Department of Health conducted three rounds of water testing to establish that the treatment was properly taking effect. All three rounds revealed that all of the water samples collected cultured negative for Legionella bacteria and at the end of November 2024 the water restrictions were lifted.

Peregrine Shaker is committed to keeping its residents and staff as safe as possible. The following safety measures continue to be in place:

- 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.
- 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.
- Laminar flow aerators were installed on all of the sink faucets which control the flow of water to minimize aerosolized water droplets.
- Twice daily flushing of faucets in Peregrine Shaker is performed by staff to facilitate effective distribution of the monochloramine with weekly testing of distal points to confirm the proper levels of treatment are reaching these areas.
- Quarterly water sample testing is conducted to monitor for any presence of Legionella.

We continue to have no new positive cases of legionellosis and are working with our consultants in adapting our Water Management Plan as needed.



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 12<sup>th</sup> 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