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SCRIPT FOR SANDS RESORT RESERVATIONS

I need to inform you that there is a currently an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in Hampton, NH. Legionnaires' disease is a serious type of bacterial pneumonia caused by inhaling water droplets containing *Legionella* bacteria. The outbreak investigation is still in progress, but some of the people diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease have been guests at our property. Water samples collected at our property show that the *Legionella* bacteria are present in our water system.

People get Legionnaires' disease by breathing in small water droplets containing *Legionella* bacteria. Your risk of getting Legionnaires' disease is higher if you are 50 years or older, smoke cigarettes, or have certain medical conditions, such as a weakened immune system.

We are cooperating with the NH Department of Health and Human Services to make sure the water is safe, and we are working to remove the bacteria from our water system. If you want more information about this situation, call the NH Department of Health and Human Services at 603-271-9461.