

Update - Possible Outbreak of Leptospirosis Linked to Strafford Pond

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- Tests conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have failed to confirm leptospirosis as the cause of an outbreak of febrile illness among persons who swam in the Strafford Pond. Six of six specimens tested were negative. No additional testing for leptospirosis is planned.
- At this time there is no alternative explanation for this apparent outbreak, although a number of viruses are known to cause an illness similar to that of leptospirosis.
- Whatever the cause, the outbreak appears to be over. However, if patients continue to come to your attention who have a severe febrile illness including high fever, headache, chills, myalgias, rash, fatigue, and conjunctivitis please call the Vermont Department of Health at (802) 863-7240 [1-800-640-4374 in Vermont] to report these cases.

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