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## Statement from Director of Health on Patient's Death at Mount Carmel Grove City

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)— Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, MD, MPH, issued the following statement this evening regarding the Legionella-related death of a Mount Carmel Grove City Patient:

“My entire team and I are deeply saddened by the death announced tonight by Mount Carmel Grove City, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. We share concern for all impacted by this outbreak. The Ohio Department of Health continues to work closely with Franklin County Public Health and the Mount Carmel Hospital System as we work to ensure patient safety.

Legionnaires' disease generally kills about 10 percent of those diagnosed in the general population, but that rate can rise to 1 in 4 people when the outbreak is at a nursing home or hospital.

We appreciate the great efforts and systems the hospital has implemented to assure the safety of their patients and staff, and the work of our partners at Franklin County Public Health.”

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