To: Lehman College Faculty, Staff and Students  
Date: August 12, 2015  
Re.: Legionnaire’s Disease Prevention

Lehman College has an annual contract with a Water Treatment Company (Synergy Water Solutions, Paterson NJ) to ensure our mechanical systems, including the cooling towers are inspected, tested, properly treated, and disinfected. As an added measure, an Environmental Consultant on retainer with CUNY regularly reviews inspection and treatment reports and conducts independent inspections and tests to verify compliance.

On Tuesday, in accordance with the Health Commissioner’s order, all campus recirculating-water cooling towers were evaluated by the Environmental Consultant (Ambient Water Treatment Consulting, Jericho NY). Ambient found all campus cooling towers to be acceptable.

As an added precaution and safety measure and in compliance with the NYC Health Commissioner’s order, Ambient recommended that additional sanitizing of the cooling towers water be performed by Synergy. This work was performed today, Wednesday, August 12, 2015 by Synergy, without any disruption in service.

Lehman College is committed to protecting its faculty, staff, and students, and will continue to follow any and all recommendations/directives from New York State and City Departments of Health and CUNY in regard to our cooling towers.

For information on the current Legionnaire’s Disease outbreak, visit the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) site, or contact the Office of Environmental Health & Safety (718 960-8988).