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Public Health

Rash Related To Swimming

The Logan County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) is investigating numerous individuals who are experiencing a rash after being in the pool and/or hot tub at the Hampton Inn hotel in Lincoln, Illinois. Anyone who was in the pool or hot tub at this hotel since January 13 and has since had a rash, please contact LCDPH at 217-735-2317. If you were in the pool or hot tub and currently have a rash, unexplained fever, or other illness, visit a health care provider, especially if symptoms are severe.

Rashes associated with swimming may be caused by bacteria, such as *Pseudomonas*, in the water of an improperly maintained pool, chemicals used for pool maintenance, or a virus spread through the water by an infected individual. More information about such rashes can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/disease/hot_tub_rash.html.

The pool and hot tub are currently closed pending investigation and testing. Health care providers with patients experiencing rash, or other unexplained symptoms, after being in the pool or hot tub at this hotel should report these illnesses to LCDPH.