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MEDIA ADVISORY

Updated Information: Blastomycosis associated with the Little Wolf River in Waupaca County

Madison—The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has updated the number of confirmed cases of Blastomycosis associated with the Little Wolf River near New London in Waupaca County. There are now 13 confirmed cases, and 13 probable cases. Exposures resulting in illness took place on multiple days starting with Memorial Day weekend (May 23-25, 2015) and continuing at least through July. Additional cases are anticipated.

DHS will be updating the case numbers weekly on its web site at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/blastomycosis.htm>. Also included on the web page is the Blastomycosis Fact Sheet which provides detailed information about the fungus and its health risks.

DHS is asking anyone who visited the Little Wolf River beginning with the Memorial Day weekend (May 23-25, 2015), and who may have developed symptoms of Blastomycosis, to contact their health care provider. Symptoms include a fever, cough, muscle aches, and fatigue, which may progress to weight loss, chest pain and a persistent cough. Onset of illness can occur between 2 and 15 weeks after exposure. Health advisory signage has been posted where exposures may have occurred.

Additional Resources:
[Blastomycosis](#) Press Release: August 5, 2015.

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