Reply to Gamage et al

To the Editor—We thank Gamage et al for their thoughtful comments on our article [1, 2]. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has demonstrated leadership among healthcare systems in the United States in the implementation of legionellosis prevention policies through a system-wide directive [3].

We applaud VHA’s leadership in attempting to address many of these questions and commend them for taking such an active role in implementing stringent legionellosis prevention policies throughout their healthcare network. We would be delighted to work with VHA to systematically review data assessing the impact and outcomes from implementation of the VHA Directive, which could provide valuable evidence for the further development and implementation of effective legionellosis prevention practices for both the VHA and for non-VHA settings.

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