

LEGIONELLOSIS - EUROPE (FRANCE, NORWAY)

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Legionnaires' outbreak claims second victim in southern France

A 70 year old man became the second person to die in an outbreak of legionnaires' disease in the southern French city of Montpellier, local authorities said. The man died at a clinic in the city, the day after a woman in her 80s succumbed to the disease at a nearby hospital.

Montpellier health authorities say they are aware of 22 further cases of the disease in the city, 8 of whom are in intensive care. A further 2 cases -- one diagnosed in Paris, the other in Italy -- are also believed to have been contracted in Montpellier.

Legionnaires' disease is an infectious disease causing a severe form of pneumonia. It is produced by a bacterium that colonizes in warm, stagnant water and may be found in such places as air cooling systems, humidifiers, and water taps.

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Legionellosis in France - Update

30 cases and 3 deaths have been reported by health officials from Herault district, Montpellier and from the European Working Group for Legionella Infections (see previous report: <http://www.who.int/csr/don/2003_08_14/en/>). The last case was reported on 10 Aug 2003.

Environmental investigators have identified the presence of legionella in several cooling towers in the center of Montpellier. Disinfection measures have been taken and analysis is continuing to identify the precise source of the outbreak.

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Hot tub likely legionella source

More cases of legionella make headlines in Norway. 10 women were probably infected with the legionella bacteria after a bachelorette party (known as a "hen night" in the United Kingdom. - Mod.SH) in Nesodden, Akershus ended up in a bubbling hot tub a week and a half ago, newspaper Dagbladet reports.

"In the days after the party every one was knocked out. I had a high fever, chest pains, and difficulty breathing," the bride-to-be told Dagbladet. The women learned after visits to doctors that the site of their festive bath had been shut down in June 2003 after 3 elderly women fell ill there.

Chief district physician Knut Erlend Hagen believes the 10 celebrants have contracted Pontiac fever, a milder version of legionella infection. This ailment tends to last a few days but can become dangerous if it develops into pneumonia. Cases of legionella infection are commoner in the summer months; 3 cases have been reported in the Trondheim and Oslo area.

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