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2 more Legionnaires'cases from Somerset

2 more cases of Legionnaires' disease linked with a hotel's leisure center have been confirmed. A 30-year-old man and a woman, both from Southampton, have not required admission to hospital and are recovering at home. 10 cases have now been confirmed by the Somerset Health Protection Unit.

A 66-year-old woman from Hertfordshire who died in February 2003 is the first confirmed fatality as a result of the outbreak linked to the Cricket St Thomas Hotel near Chard.

Health officials say the most recent cases are not new infections, but have been identified from questionnaires sent to almost 4000 recent guests at the hotel who could have used the leisure center's spa bath or showers.

Two women, aged 66 and 64, are recovering in hospitals in Lancashire and Kent.

Health officials are satisfied that all appropriate precautions have been taken and any potential risk to the health of anyone coming to the leisure center, hotel, or wildlife park is minimal.

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