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Three diagnosed with legionnaires' disease in Werribee

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THREE people have been diagnosed with legionnaires' disease in the Werribee area.

Victoria's chief health officer Dr John Carnie said two Werribee men, aged 30 and 45, and a 48-year-old woman from Point Cook have been treated in hospital after being diagnosed.

The 45-year-old man remains in hospital but is expected to be released soon.

The department is distributing advice about the disease to hospital emergency departments and doctors in the area.

Dr Carnie said all operators of cooling tower water systems in the state are being reminded to follow regulations about proper maintenance of their systems.

The legionella bacteria occurs naturally in the environment but can increase with warm recirculating water, such as cooling towers.

All cooling tower systems in the Werribee area have been tested and disinfected.

A detective at Melbourne's police headquarters on St Kilda Road contracted the disease from cooling towers in the building in mid-April this year.

There have been 17 cases of the disease in Victoria so far this year, compared with eight at the same time last year, and 36 at this time in 2006.

Anyone in the Werribee area with symptoms including headaches, fever, chills, coughs, muscle aches and pains are being told to visit their GP.

Dr Carnie said the onset of cooler weather usually meant the risk of the condition reduced.

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