

**Legionnaires' Disease bacteria found at Oak Forest nursing home in Winston-Salem**

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**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.** — The bacteria that causes Legionnaire's Disease has been found in at least two people at a Winston-Salem assisted living facility, Forsyth County health officials said Monday.

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Legionella was found in two residents at Oak Forest Health and Rehabilitation on Windy Hill Drive off Highway 66. Test results on a third resident are pending.

The bacteria was found in the facility's water supply Friday, and residents have been asked not drink the water, bathe with the water or flush toilets. It's not yet clear when residents will be able to use the water again.

Legionnaires' Disease is contracted by breathing in a mist of vapor containing the bacteria. It isn't spread from person to person.

Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, high fever, muscle aches and headaches.

Legionnaires' Disease isn't that uncommon, as between 8,000 and 18,000 people are hospitalized every year, health officials said.

A total of seven Legionnaires' Disease cases have been confirmed at two facilities in Wilson over the past couple of weeks.

Margaret Johnson will have more details Monday evening on WXII 12 News.

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