

Legionella bacteria found in Kennewick gym hot tub



KENNEWICK, Wash. - The health district has discovered Legionella bacteria in a hot tub after three local [gym members tested positive for Legionnaires' disease](#).

A Benton-Franklin Health District (BFHD) news release stated the bacteria was confirmed to be present in samples taken from the hot tub at Gold's Gym in Kennewick.

BFHD gathered samples in July 2017 after three gym members were diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease.

All three members have since recovered from the disease, according to the news release.

The health district requested the gym's spa to close during their investigation and gym staff complied.

Investigators said two of the cases could be traced to the spa and pool area of the gym and determined the members contracted the disease from bacteria in the Gold's Gym hot tub.

BFHD has provided the gym's management with the required procedure for decontamination and follow-up testing, according to authorities.

More information on Legionnaire's disease is available on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website.