

# Raeford nursing home responds after Legionnaire's disease found

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**RAEFORD, N.C.** — A Hoke County nursing home is taking precautions after three residents were diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease.

The first case at Autumn Care of Raeford, on North Fulton Street, was discovered Aug. 28. Two additional [Autumn Care of Raeford](#) for all patients were tested.

Legionnaire's disease is found in water and air conditioning systems, so Hoke County Health Director Helene Edwards implemented changes to prevent it from spreading.

"Went to the facility, checked out all the areas where there could be possible sources of the legionellosis bacteria," Edwards said Tuesday. "They went ahead and turned the water off at that point and brought in bottled water to use."

Water has since been restored to 70 percent of the building, she said, and the nursing home is installing special micron filters to address the problem.

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