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Bacteria Found at Grand Island Veterans Home

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) - Legionella bacteria have been found in the water supply at the Grand Island Veterans Home.

The Grand Island Independent reports that the water at the facility was tested because the same bacteria was found in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services says there are no known cases of illness due to the Legionella bacteria.

Water filters are being installed to all showers and whirlpool bathing systems, which are the most likely ways home residents may come in contact with the bacteria.

The bacteria can cause Legionnaires' disease, which is spread through infected mist or water droplets. It is not contagious and usually affects people with weakened immune systems.

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