

# North Carolina Legionnaires' case count climbs to 79

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(HealthDay)—The number of confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease

linked to a North Carolina state fair now stands at 79, including 55 people hospitalized and one death.

Health officials have not found the cause of the outbreak. Many of those sickened, however, said they went to the North Carolina Mountain State Fair in Fletcher near Asheville, *CNN* reported.

One [theory](#) being investigated is the possibility that people breathed in infected airborne droplets from water rides at the fair, a North Carolina health official told *CNN*.

Also, four cases of Pontiac fever, a less severe flu-like condition, have been reported.

**More information:** [CNN Article](#)  
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