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(Wyo.)-Connection In Two Of Three 'Flesh-Eating' Strep Cases



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - The Wyoming state epidemiologist says two of three people recently treated for so-called "flesh-eating bacteria" at Campbell County Memorial Hospital were in close contact before being admitted to the hospital.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Tracy Murphy said Tuesday health officials are still investigating what if any relationship the third case might have to the other two cases. All three cases have been within the past three weeks but Murphy says nothing so far indicates a public health concern at the hospital in Gillette.

Health officials have been silent about where the three may have contracted invasive Group A Streptococcus. The officials cite patient privacy concerns in withholding information including the current condition of the three.

A strep infection typically causes mild symptoms but can be life-threatening if it enters the bloodstream.