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Local authorities believe that people who were at (insert location) on (insert date and time) may have been exposed to the bacteria that causes brucellosis. Public Health and other local authorities are investigating this incident.

Brucellosis is an infectious disease caused by the bacteria of the genus *Brucella*. Brucellosis can cause a range of symptoms that are similar to the flu and may include fever, sweats, headaches, back pains and physical weakness. Severe infections of the central nervous systems or lining of the heart may occur. Brucellosis can also cause long-lasting or chronic symptoms that include recurrent fevers, joint pain and fatigue.

There is treatment but it can be difficult. Doctors can prescribe effective antibiotics. Usually, doxycycline and rifampin are used in combination for 6 weeks to prevent reoccurring infection. Depending on the timing of treatment and severity of illness, recovery may take a few weeks to several months.

If you believe you have been exposed, or if you have any of the symptoms associated with brucellosis, please see a healthcare provider immediately.

Public Health may open a mass medication dispensing site. That will be determined in the coming days, and the public will be informed as soon as that decision is made. Please stay tuned to local radio and TV stations for more information.