

**Q FEVER IS A SICKNESS CAUSED** BY THE BACTERIA COXIELLA **BURNETTI THAT CAN MAKE PEOPLE AND ANIMALS SICK.** 

## **HOW DO PEOPLE GET IT?**

THE BACTERIA CAN SURVIVE IN THE ENVIRONMENT FOR A LONG TIME

AIR DUST Н

**PEOPLE CAN GET SICK BY BREATHING IN AIR OR DUST CONTAINING THE BACTERIA** 

#### HALF THE PEOPLE WHO GET THE BACTERIA DON'T SHOW **ANY SYMPTOMS**

**PEOPLE CAN GET SICK BY** 

WITH ANIMAL PRODUCTS

**CONTAINNG THE BACTERIA** 

**COMING INTO CONTACT** 

# **ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

**ANIMALS THAT HAVE THE SICKNESS CAN SPREAD THE BACTERIA THROUGH:** 

- FAECES
- URINE
- MILK
- BIRTH PRODUCTS



# WHERE IS IT FOUND?

**Q FEVER IS MOST COMMON IN PARTS OF QUEENSLAND AND NEW SOUTH WALES** 



# **RISK FACTORS**

- HAVING A WEAK IMMUNE SYSTEM
- HEART PROBLEMS
- PREGNANCY
- CLOSE-CONTACT WITH ANIMALS
- WORKING WITH ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE GIVING BIRTH

# PREVENTION

- WASHING YOUR HANDS AFTER HANDLING **OR WORKING WITH ANIMALS**
- PEOPLE THAT WORK WITH ANIMALS SHOULD TALK TO THEIR DOCTOR ABOUT **GETTING VACCINATED AGAINST Q FEVER**

### **SYMPTOMS**

**FEVER & CHILLS SWEATING** 

**TIREDNESS** 

**HEADACHE** 

**JOINT & MUSCLE ACHES** NAUSEA



### TREATMENT

IF YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAS SYMPTOMS OF Q FEVER TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR WHO CAN GIVE YOU **MEDICINE TO TREAT THE SICKNESS** 



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