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Health Department investigates foodborne outbreak at local restaurant

Shelbyville, Ky. – North Central District Health Department is continuing to investigate the foodborne outbreak that occurred on Easter Sunday in a local restaurant. The restaurant in question has been temporarily closed by the health department and will remain closed till further notice.

At present, 66 individuals have contacted the health department detailing the extent of their illness and giving a list of foods consumed at the restaurant. The majority of the symptoms includes but is not limited to diarrhea, vomiting, severe abdominal cramps, sweating and chills. Currently, there have been no new individuals presenting with these symptoms which indicates this illness is self-limiting.

Specimens including food products have been sent to the state lab in Frankfort, but the results have not been returned. The results are necessary to determine the next course of action the health department needs to take in this investigation.

We are interviewing individuals that continue to call in to the district office, the contact number for individuals to report their illness from this outbreak is (502) 633-1243.

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