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NEWS RELEASE

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Health Department investigates foodborne outbreak at local restaurant

Updated Press Release

Shelbyville, Ky. – North Central District Health Department is continuing to investigate the foodborne outbreak that occurred on Easter Sunday in a local restaurant in Shelbyville, KY.

The restaurant will remain closed till further notice. Once the restaurant re-opens, health environmentalists will be monitoring the establishment until the investigation is complete.

The State Food Safety Branch assisted North Central District Health Department by providing a food safety class to the employees of Claudia Sanders Restaurant, which included hand washing, food handling, personal hygiene and general food preparation safety.

To date the health department has received 115 self reported illnesses from the patrons of the restaurant and more continue to call. It is important to note that all the self cases no longer exhibit any symptoms, and we have not received reports of any new illnesses presenting past Sunday. This would indicate the outbreak has been contained to just the patrons visiting the establishment on Easter Sunday.

We also ask that any patron that ate at Claudia Sanders Restaurant on Easter Sunday **only** please contact the North Central District Health Department at (502) 633-1243. We are conducting interviews with all the patrons' whether they got sick or not to aid us in determining the cause of this outbreak.

The food that was sent to the Kentucky State Lab is currently being processed and according to Dr. Mayfield of the state lab results are expected on Friday.

The health department will continue to monitor the situation and issue further notices.

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