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### NEWS RELEASE

North Central District Health Department

### FOR IMMEDIATE 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 health department anticipates allowing Claudia Sanders to reopen for drinks only this evening and open completely including food on Saturday following an opening inspection. A public health official will be actively monitoring the restaurant and kitchen staff until the final lab results has been completed. We hope to assure the public of the safety of this historic restaurant. The department feels confident that since the suspected food products have been destroyed and the establishment has been extensively cleaned along with the State Food Safety Branch's training of the employees the public's safety is assured.

To date the health department has received 121 self reported illnesses from the patrons of the restaurant and more continue to call. It is important to note that all the reported 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 we anticipate more information today.

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

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