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Salmonella Outbreak Update

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - The Cumberland County Department of Public Health continues to investigate the outbreak of Salmonella infection reported this week at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux, 1707 Owen Drive. As of Thursday, May 16, at 2 p.m. there are 44 individuals with signs and symptoms consistent with Salmonella infection; 36 from North Carolina and eight out of state. Five people have been hospitalized.

As part of the ongoing investigation, the Health Department and the North Carolina Division of Public Health continue to ask individuals who consumed food or beverages at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux since May 1 and then developed symptoms within three days of that visit to call the county Health Department at 910-433-3638. Symptoms are nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Individuals in other North Carolina counties should contact their local public health departments.

The Holiday Inn Bordeaux serves food at two restaurants, the All American Sports Bar and Grill and the Café Bordeaux, and from their banquet kitchen.

The Health Department has also set up a "Salmonella Hotline" at 910-433-3824. Cape Fear Valley Health System has a Care Link health education line staffed by registered nurses. Call at 615-LINK (5465) with questions about Salmonella infection.

"We are diligently tracking this illness in order to determine the original source of contamination and we need anyone who consumed food or beverages and then became sick to contact us for an interview. We hope to resolve this soon," said Health Director Buck Wilson.

"Our Health Department staff and state officials have inspected the facilities and any issues that might have contributed to the spread of the bacteria have been addressed. We are continuing to conduct extensive food safety and handwashing trainings with the hotel staff and measures are being taken to ensure the safety of the public," Wilson said.

To stop the further spread of the illness, the Health Department advises that handwashing is the best control measure. People with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea symptoms need to make sure they stay hydrated and seek medical care from their private doctor, urgent care or emergency room if their symptoms do not improve.

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For additional information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health, please call 910-433-3600 or visit with someone at the information desk. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at www.co.cumberland.nc.us/health/comment_form.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. in Fayetteville.

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