

Salmonella outbreak associated with Fremont Bowl in Seattle

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- **Cases:** 4
- **Hospitalizations:** 1
- **Deaths:** 0
- **Status:** Investigation is ongoing
- **Locations:** Fremont Bowl, 4258 Fremont Ave N Ste #4262, Seattle, WA 98103
- **Meal dates:** July 27-29, 2018
- **Prior food safety inspections and current rating?**
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Highlights

Updated August 17, 2018

Summary

Public Health is investigating an outbreak of salmonellosis (caused by *Salmonella* bacteria) associated with Fremont Bowl in Seattle. At this time, the source of the illnesses has not been identified.

Illnesses

Since August 8, we have learned of four people from three separate meal parties who have reported becoming ill after eating at Fremont Bowl during July 27-29, 2018. One of the ill people was hospitalized and has since recovered. There is no indication that any employees of the restaurant have had any symptoms consistent with salmonellosis.

Public Health actions

On August 9, 2018, Environmental Health investigators completed an inspection at Fremont Bowl where potential risk factors were identified, including inadequate hand washing, lack of temperature controls, and risk of cross contamination; corrective actions were discussed with Fremont Bowl management. On August 10, 2018, Environmental Health investigators re-visited and closed the establishment because many of the corrective actions were not completed.

On August 13, 2018, Environmental Health investigators re-visited Fremont Bowl. They provided food safety training to all staff, confirmed that a thorough cleaning and disinfection had been completed, and all processed, ready-to-eat foods had been discarded. Fremont Bowl was allowed to re-open on August 13, 2018.

Laboratory testing

Three of the four people who got sick tested positive for *Salmonella* Enteritidis by a healthcare provider. The fourth person ate at Fremont Bowl prior to becoming ill with symptoms consistent with salmonellosis.

Public Health message

This investigation is ongoing and we will provide more information as it becomes available.

Salmonella can cause serious illness. Anyone who ate at Fremont Bowl during July 27, 2018 to August 17, 2018, and developed diarrhea (especially bloody diarrhea) within 5 days, should consult with their healthcare provider promptly to determine if testing is necessary.