
FOODBORNE ILLNESS OUTBREAK INVESTIGATED AT REDIVIVA RESTAURANT IN ABERDEEN

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On February 25, 2020, the Grays Harbor County Environmental Health Division learned that a Grays Harbor County resident tested positive for *Campylobacter jejuni*. The individual reported a meal at Rediviva Restaurant in Aberdeen, WA on February 14, 2020 as part of their food history. During the subsequent investigation, Environmental Health learned of at least fourteen more individuals who became ill after eating the Valentine's Day dinner meal.

Campylobacter jejuni typically causes severe and sometimes bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramps, body aches, fever and vomiting, and is associated with the consumption of raw and undercooked poultry. Many of the known ill patrons continue to exhibit symptoms of illness. Though the investigation is ongoing, Environmental Health believes that the illness was caused by chicken liver mousse.

A site inspection of the facility was conducted on February 26th that revealed multiple risk factors that could have contributed to illness. Rediviva Restaurant was closed by Environmental Health on February 27th because the inspection resulted in the assignment of 75 or more "red point" violations. Further information regarding the inspection may be viewed on the Grays Harbor County Environmental Health website at <https://healthspace.com/Clients/Washington/GraysHarbor/Web.nsf/home.xsp>

Rediviva is cooperating with the outbreak investigation and remains closed at this time. .

The Grays Harbor County Environmental Health Division's works to educate restaurant owners and food workers about proper food safety and to work with them to keep the public safe. Staff are continuing to investigate the exact cause of the outbreak and are conducting interviews of people who ate at the Valentine's Day dinner event.

The Valentine's Day dinner menu continued to be served at Rediviva Restaurant from February 13th through February 21st. If you recently ate at Rediviva Restaurant and became ill, the Environmental Health Division would like to hear from you. Their office can be reached at (360) 249-4222 or through via email at EHD@co.grays-harbor.wa.us.

If you see a health care provider for your illness, let them know that you may have been exposed to *Campylobacter jejuni*. People with fever and diarrhea or vomiting are encouraged to stay home from work or school while they are sick to avoid spreading illness to others.

SOURCE: <https://www.gograysharbor.com/2020/03/02/foodborne-illness-outbreak-investigated-at-rediviva-restaurant-in-aberdeen/>