



Health Department News

Illness outbreak investigation linked to McHenry establishment

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The McHenry County Department of Health is reporting an outbreak of a gastrointestinal illness linked to D.C. Cobb's, 1204 N. Green Street, McHenry.

MCDH has identified an outbreak at the location after receiving complaints of 13 people who became ill after eating at the establishment. MCDH is continuing its investigation into the source and type of outbreak at this time.

D.C. Cobb's is fully cooperating with MCDH staff during this ongoing investigation, including working closely with MCDH Environmental Health staff to ensure safe food handling practices.

Those who ate at the food establishment from Aug. 29 through Sept. 13 are being asked to complete a survey to assist MCDH in collecting data to help determine the cause of this illness. It is important that those who ate during this time complete the survey whether they have developed symptoms or remain well. The survey is a confidential, secure webform that is Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant and can be found at https://redcap.link/DC_Cobbs.

The MCDH is advising anyone who is experiencing severe gastrointestinal symptoms to consult with their healthcare provider.

Those with questions or who are unable to access the survey can call (815) 334-4500 and ask for a Communicable Disease Nurse.