

Outbreak Most Likely Caused by Bacteria Common in Foodborne Illness

Preliminary results from the Michigan Department of Community Health have shown the presence of a common foodborne illness causing bacteria in a sample tested from Bonicki's Restaurant and Sports Bistro called Clostridium Perfringens. Clostridium Perfringens is found throughout the environment in soils, sediment, and intestines of animals and humans. The bacteria typically causes illness when foods are served after improper storage or held at inadequate storage temperatures. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention considers Clostridium Perfringens one of the most common causes of foodborne illness in the United States and estimates that it is the cause of nearly a million cases of foodborne illness each year.

More information about proper food storage techniques and Clostridium Perfringens can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodborneIllnessContaminants/default.htm>

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http://www.muskegonhealth.net/advisories/public_advisories.htm