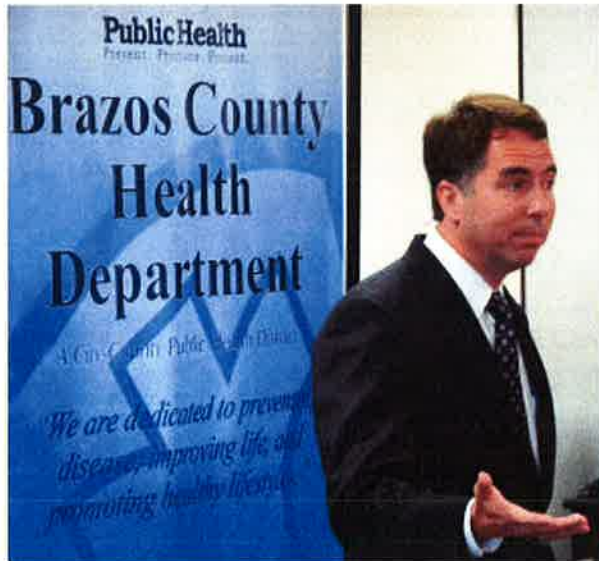


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Brazos County Health Authority Dr. Eric Wilke addresses the media during a press conference about E. coli cases in Brazos County.

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The source of the recent E. coli outbreak in Brazos County has been traced to the Coco Loco restaurant off of George Bush Drive in College Station, health officials said Tuesday.

Brazos County Health Authority Dr. Eric Wilke said ground meat from the Mexican food establishment is the likely contamination culprit of the five patients with confirmed cases of E. coli locally.

Health officials were notified of the first two cases mid-April when two brothers, an 18-month-old and a 4-year-old, were diagnosed with E. coli.

The three other confirmed cases affected people college-aged or older. Five other probable cases were looked at during the investigation.

Wilke said it appears that the outbreak was isolated to between April 15 and April 17 and stressed there was no known health risk at this point.

To illustrate his point, Wilke brought a taco from the restaurant and took a bite during the press conference.