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Update on E. coli 0157 Outbreak in Germantown

62 ill – 13 hospitalized – one in critical condition

7/13/12: As a result of eating food at a picnic at Neff's Lawn Care in Germantown, at least 62 individuals have become ill. Of those, 13 have been hospitalized. Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County is continuing an investigation into the cause of the foodborne outbreak. Estimates are that as many as 300 people may have attended an annual customer appreciation picnic held by Neff's Lawn Care, 9400 Ekhart Road, on July 3. Of the ill, 11 have been confirmed to be infected by E. coli 0157. One four year old girl is in critical condition, experiencing hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), a disease that destroys red blood cells, and is the most common cause of sudden, short-term-acute-kidney failure in children.

Symptoms experienced by those who became ill include stomach cramps and bloody diarrhea. **If someone attended the picnic and later became ill, they should call 937-225-4460 and report their illness.**

Public Health is continuing to gather information through interviews with those who became ill and those who prepared the food. Investigators are also looking at food sources, food handling and storage practices, food temperature controls, and the potential of cross contamination of the food.