

More than 70 cases of 'severe food poisoning' confirmed at local jail



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SAN ANTONIO -- Bexar County sources are calling it an outbreak of Salmonella poisoning at the Bexar County Jail. But jail administrators will only refer to these cases as "severe food poisoning".

The outbreak happened inside the main jail facility downtown. The number of inmates affected is between 70 and 100. Four men were sent to a local hospital for treatment. And as of today, three out of those four inmates had been treated and released.

At this point, the jail is working with Aramark to figure out how happened. But our sources tell us they are closely looking at meat the inmates were served late last week. Since last Friday, all of the inmates at the main jail have been given Gatorade to help speed up the recovery process.

Metro health has confirmed they are investigating a foodborne illness situation and the problem has been contained to the jail.

Jail administrators have not received a complaint in the last day. So, they do believe the problem has been fixed.