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Salmonella Outbreak Update

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - The Cumberland County Department of Public Health continues to investigate the outbreak of Salmonella infection reported last week at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux, 1707 Owen Drive. As of Monday, May 20, at 4 p.m. there are 70 individuals with signs and symptoms consistent with Salmonella infection; 58 from North Carolina and 12 out of state. Five people have been hospitalized.

As part of the ongoing investigation, the Health Department and the North Carolina Division of Public Health continue to ask individuals who consumed food or beverages at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux since May 1 and have developed symptoms within three days of that visit to call the county Health Department at 910-433-3638.

The Holiday Inn Bordeaux serves food at two restaurants, the All American Sports Bar and Grill and the Café Bordeaux, and from their banquet kitchen.

At this point, any new cases got sick before May 14, which indicates that control measures in place appear to be working to prevent further spread of illness. The Health Department has set up a "Salmonella Hotline" at 910-433-3824. Cape Fear Valley Health System has a Care Link health education line staffed by registered nurses. Call at 615-LINK (5465) with questions about Salmonella infection.

To stop the further spread of the illness, the Health Department advises that handwashing is the best control measure. People with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea symptoms need to make sure they are staying hydrated and should seek medical care from their private doctor, urgent care or emergency room if their symptoms do not improve.

For additional information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health, please call 910-433-3600 or visit with someone at the information desk. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at www.co.cumberland.nc.us/health/comment_form.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. in Fayetteville.