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ADPH continues investigation of foodborne outbreak

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The Alabama Department of Public Health is investigating a foodborne outbreak in Russellville, Ala.

Three individuals who had eaten at El Patron tested positive for *Salmonella*. Other potential cases of *Salmonella* are being investigated. *Salmonella* symptoms usually occur within 6 and 72 hours after infection. Most people recover without treatment.

ADPH continues to investigate gastrointestinal illness in patrons of El Patron.

Symptoms of *Salmonella* are diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, abdominal cramping and fever.

Assistant State Health Officer Dr. Karen Landers recommended that people reduce their risk of *Salmonella* by avoiding raw or undercooked eggs, poultry or other meats, thoroughly washing produce, and following safe food handling practices during food preparation. Hand washing, keeping uncooked food away from cooked food, and using clean plates and utensils are some important ways to minimize food contamination. People should also wash their hands after contact with animals and animal feces.

The investigation is ongoing and final test results will be available at a later date.