



St. Louis E. coli Outbreak: Test Results Unveiled

Description

Despite the lettuce testing negative, officials maintain that the caterer's salads remain under suspicion as a potential source.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Mo. — On Friday, test results dismissed one of the suspected sources of an E. coli outbreak, which has afflicted over 100 individuals in St. Louis County.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services conducted tests on an unopened package of iceberg lettuce from Andre's Banquet Center, finding no traces of E. coli. This comes after approximately 106 attendees of various events, including school band functions and funerals, became ill following meals catered by the business.

The St. Louis County Health Department cautioned that a negative result doesn't definitively exclude the salad as the outbreak's source. Often, E. coli is found in isolated pockets in food, meaning sampling might miss the bacteria entirely, leaving Andre's as a potential culprit.

On Thursday, local hospitals reported that two patients have developed hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), a rare and severe disease that can result from an E. coli infection, potentially leading to kidney failure.

Dr. Farrin Manian from Mercy Hospital noted, "Although HUS affects less than 10% of those with E. coli O157:H7, its consequences are serious, often requiring hospitalization."

John Armengol Jr., owner of Andre's, expressed relief over the negative results but pledged continued cooperation with health authorities to pinpoint the source of the outbreak, which also affected people not present at Andre's events.

Additionally, several lawsuits have been filed against Andre's, including by parents of sickened students and an individual who tested positive for E. coli.

National food poisoning lawyer Jory Lange, representing a hospitalized client, asserted, "Andre's is, undeniably, the common denominator. It's essential to determine the root of the contamination."

Lange argued for rigorous testing of Andre's remaining food supplies to possibly connect the outbreak to specific products served at the events.

Health officials have yet to clear Andre's of suspicion, emphasizing that the strongest link to the outbreak is



the consistent symptoms shared by many, all of whom consumed Andre's salads.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Afflicted** /ə'flɪktɪd/ (verb): Suffering from a disease or illness.
2. **Cautioned** /'kɔːʃəned/ (verb): Advised someone of possible danger or problems.
3. **Contamination** /kən,tæmɪ'neɪʃən/ (noun): The action of making something impure or harmful by adding something else.
4. **Hospitalization** /,hɒspɪtəlaɪ'zeɪʃən/ (noun): The act of admitting someone to a hospital for medical treatment.
5. **Rigorous** /'rɪɡərəs/ (adjective): Extremely thorough and accurate.
6. **Symptom** /'sɪmptəm/ (noun): A physical or mental feature that indicates a condition of disease.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Where did the E. coli outbreak mentioned in the text occur?
Option: St. Louis County
Option: Kansas City
Option: Jefferson City
Option: Springfield
2. What did the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services test for E. coli?
Option: Ice Cream
Option: Iceberg Lettuce
Option: Potatoes
Option: Carrots
3. Which severe disease can result from an E. coli infection?
Option: Migraine
Option: Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome
Option: Common Cold
Option: Asthma
4. Who expressed relief over the negative results of the lettuce testing?



- Option: Dr. Farrin Manian
- Option: Jory Lange
- Option: John Armengol Jr.
- Option: Andre's Banquet Center

5. What did National food poisoning lawyer Jory Lange emphasize as essential in the investigation?

- Option: Mass Vaccination
- Option: Surveillance Cameras
- Option: Root Cause Analysis
- Option: Social Media Monitoring

6. What did health officials stress as the strongest link to the outbreak?

- Option: Drinking Water
- Option: Andre's Desserts
- Option: Andre's Salads
- Option: Coffee

True-False

- 7. The unopened package of iceberg lettuce tested positive for E. coli.
- 8. HUS affects over 50% of those with E. coli O157:H7.
- 9. Andre's Banquet Center has been cleared of suspicion in the outbreak.
- 10. All individuals affected by the outbreak consumed salads at Andre's events.
- 11. Parents of sickened students have not filed lawsuits against Andre's.
- 12. Jory Lange argued for random testing of food supplies.

Gap-Fill

- 14. Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome can potentially lead to _____ failure.
- 16. National food poisoning lawyer Jory Lange asserted, "It's essential to determine the root of the _____."



17. Health officials have yet to clear Andre's of _____ in the outbreak.

18. Several lawsuits have been filed against Andre's, including by parents of _____ students.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. St. Louis County 2. Iceberg Lettuce 3. Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome 4. John Armengol Jr. 5. Root Cause Analysis 6. Andre's Salads

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 14. kidney 16. contamination 17. suspicion 18. sickened

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which of the following is considered an Artifact?

- Option: A. Ancient pottery
- Option: B. Jungle fever
- Option: C. Endemic disease
- Option: D. Vaccination procedure

2. What term describes something that is added or joined as a helper or supplement?

- Option: A. Toxicity
- Option: B. Skepticism
- Option: C. Adjunct
- Option: D. Diligently

3. Which word means full of danger or risk?

- Option: A. Improvement
- Option: B. Perilous
- Option: C. Alleviation
- Option: D. Excitement

4. Related to mental processes such as perception memory and problem-solving. What term fits this description?

- Option: A. Skeletal
- Option: B. Endemic



- Option: C. Cognitive
- Option: D. Cardiac

5. Which term refers to the presence of unwanted or harmful substances?

- Option: A. Regulated
- Option: B. Undisclosed
- Option: C. Contamination
- Option: D. Consumption

6. Which word means the ability to produce a desired or intended result?

- Option: A. Effectiveness
- Option: B. Toxicity
- Option: C. Efficacy
- Option: D. Hospitalization

7. What term describes the degree to which a substance can damage an organism?

- Option: A. Susceptible
- Option: B. Skepticism
- Option: C. Toxicity
- Option: D. Afflicted

8. Which term refers to the act of placing someone in a hospital for medical care?

- Option: A. Ill-advised
- Option: B. Hospitalization
- Option: C. Cautioned
- Option: D. Symptoms

9. What term is used to describe the act of using up goods or services?

- Option: A. Excitement
- Option: B. Consumption
- Option: C. Wellbeing
- Option: D. Diligently

10. Which term refers to something controlled or governed according to specific rules or principles?

- Option: A. Excitement
- Option: B. Regulated
- Option: C. Skeletal
- Option: D. Symptoms

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



11. An _____ disease is constantly present in a particular region or population.
12. Fever cough and fatigue are common _____ of a cold.
13. It is advisable to take _____ measures to prevent accidents.
14. She _____ deleted all her important emails.
15. Regular exercise is essential for maintaining good _____ .
16. The region was severely _____ by the natural disaster.
17. She worked _____ on her research project to meet the deadline.
18. The _____ structure of the building was revealed after the fire.
19. Regular exercise is beneficial for _____ health.
20. She showed steady _____ in her language skills after practicing daily.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



21. Infants are more to infections due to their developing immune systems.
22. Ignoring safety precautions when handling chemicals is .
23. He was about the risks involved in the extreme sport.
24. The medication provided some to her chronic pain.
25. The team's victory brought great to the fans.
26. Regular practice led to a noticeable in her piano skills.
27. Exposure to high levels of mercury can lead to severe in humans.
28. The company faced legal action for their involvement in the scandal.
29. There was widespread about the effectiveness of the new drug.
30. Public health campaigns promote the importance of to prevent diseases.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. A. Ancient pottery 2. C. Adjunct 3. B. Perilous 4. C. Cognitive 5. C. Contamination 6. C. Efficacy 7. C. Toxicity 8. B. Hospitalization 9. B. Consumption 10. B. Regulated

Gap-Fill: 11. Endemic 12. Symptoms 13. Precautionary 14. Inadvertently 15. Wellbeing 16. Afflicted 17. Diligently 18. Skeletal 19. Cardiac 20. Improvement

Matching sentence: 1. Susceptible 2. Ill-advised 3. Cautioned 4. Alleviation 5. Excitement 6. Improvement 7. Toxicity 8. Undisclosed 9. Skepticism 10. Vaccination

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