

ALERT: Salmonella Outbreak Related to Ming's Restaurant in Peterborough

December 14, 2012



To all Healthcare Providers in Peterborough City and County:

The Health Unit is currently investigating an outbreak of Salmonella related to a Ming's Restaurant on 554 Lansdowne Street, West in Peterborough. Three laboratory-confirmed cases and two epidemiologically linked cases have been identified so far. The cases ate at the restaurant between November 27 and December 10, 2012. The restaurant has been ordered closed until further investigation.

Symptoms can occur within six to 72 hours after eating, however usually appear 12 to 36 hours after consumption of contaminated food or beverage. Symptoms include sudden onset of headache, fever, abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea and sometimes vomiting. Dehydration especially among the young, the elderly, and those with impaired immune systems can be severe, resulting in hospitalization. In these patients, the infection may spread to the bloodstream; occasionally, the bacteria may localize in any tissue of the body, producing abscesses and other systemic complications.

If patients are currently symptomatic, please request a stool specimen.

If you have seen patients presenting with these symptoms six to 72 hours after eating at Ming's Restaurant, please call the Peterborough County-City Health Unit at:

Business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.):

Wanda Tonus, Public Health Inspector
705-743-1000, ext. 285

Simon Lee, Public Health Inspector
705-743-1000, ext. 249

After hours:

On-call Public Health Inspector
705-743-1000, ext. 225.

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