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### **Salmonella Sickens Eight; Investigation Continues News Briefing on Investigation will be at 3:00 PM**

**WELD COUNTY, CO** — The Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment (WCDPHE) is investigating an outbreak of Salmonella illness at Aims Community College. This illness may be associated with catered events held at Aims on February 9 and February 13, 2018. The February 9 event has 1 confirmed Salmonella case that had about 70 people attend. The February 13 event has 2 confirmed cases that was attended by 400 people. Of the 8 confirmed Salmonella cases, 6 adults reside in Weld County, 1 in Larimer, and 1 in Boulder county. The events were catered by an outside restaurant, the Burrito Delight, located in Fort Lupton. The public is not at risk and the restaurant is now closed for the duration of the investigation.

“Salmonella is a bacteria that causes symptoms like diarrhea, upset stomach, fever, and occasionally vomiting,” said Mark E. Wallace, MD, MPH, Executive Director of the Weld County Health Department. “Symptoms typically last 4 to 7 days, and most people recover on their own. Anyone who suspects they became ill should contact their health care provider.” For some people, the diarrhea may become so severe that they require hospitalization. Symptoms typically appear 6-72 hours after eating contaminated food and will typically last for 4 to 7 days without treatment. However, in severe cases, the symptoms may last longer.

For questions from the public who may be affected, please call the Health Department at 970.304.6410. For a non-staffed hotline (available 24/7), please call 970.300.4457. Additional information about this investigation can be found on the Health Department website at: [www.weldhealth.org](http://www.weldhealth.org). Information about Salmonella can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/index.html>

**NEWS BRIEFING ON INVESTIGATION AT 3:00 PM, Room 103 at the HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**Mark Wallace, MD, MPH, Executive Director of the Weld County Health Department will provide the briefing and answer questions.**

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