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Illnesses Linked To Garden City Restaurant: UPDATE

The Finney County Health Department "hopes" to have lab results back by the end of the year after numerous cases of gastrointestinal illnesses have been reported from people who have eaten at Jimmy John's since Dec. 10.

"The specific cause of the illness is not known as of yet, and it may be a delay in the results because of the holidays, but we hope to have it solved before the year is out," said Ashley Goss, director of the Finney County Health Dept.

But Goss did add there were no food handling violations.

The health department, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Department of Agriculture and Jimmy John's restaurant have been working together to find the cause of the illnesses.

Currently, more than 60 cases have been reported to the health department from people who reportedly have become sick since eating at the restaurant on Dec. 11, with Dec. 18 as the most recent.

Dozens of people have become ill after reportedly eating at the same Garden City restaurant.

More than 40 cases of gastrointestinal illnesses have recently been reported to the Finney County Health Department in Garden City.

The health department is working to find the cause of the illnesses, but say it's associated with eating at a Garden City Jimmy Johns restaurant. Those who became sick had eaten at the Jimmy Johns location on December 11 or after.

The symptoms are much like the stomach flu and include vomiting, diarrhea and fever, and in some cases, joint and muscle aches along with fatigue.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment along with the Kansas Department of Agriculture are also looking into the illnesses.

The health department asks that anyone who has become ill with these symptoms after eating at the Jimmy Johns on December 11 or after to call (620) 272-3600 and speak with a staff nurse.

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