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Health Advisory

Please deliver a copy of the accompanying alert to each provider in your organization.

Thank you

**Questions regarding this alert may be
directed to the office of:**

Rachel Wood, MD, MPH
Health Officer

Clark County Public Health
Cowlitz County Health Department
Skamania County Health Department
Wahkiakum County Department of Health and Human Services
(360) 397-8022

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HEALTH ADVISORY

October 5, 2012

TO: Physicians and Other Health Care Providers

FROM: Rachel Wood, MD, Health Officer

RE: Salmonella in Patrons of “On the Border” Restaurant in Vancouver, WA

Clark County Public Health is investigating 6 lab-confirmed cases of Salmonella. The species and subtypes are pending. The only identified link between all of the cases is patronage at the “On the Border” Restaurant in Vancouver, Washington. All reported eating at the restaurant during the dates of 9/20/12 through 9/25/12. Illness onset ranged from several hours to five days during the dates of 9/24/12 through 9/30/12. At this point in our investigation, it is not known whether the source of infection is from a food source or a person.

Please consider Salmonella in your differential diagnosis for patients who have diarrhea and report eating at On the Border Restaurant within 1-2 weeks of symptom onset. We request that you test for enteric pathogens in these individuals and call us at (360) 397-8022. If you need immediate assistance with a patient, please call our CD on-call nurse at (360) 518-3366.

At this time, we are investigating to determine if there is ongoing exposure beyond 9/25/12 or if any other restaurants are involved.

Thank you for your partnership.

To report other notifiable conditions or if you have questions, please call:

- Clark County Public Health: (360) 397-8182
- Cowlitz County Health Department: (360) 414-5599
- Skamania County Community Health: (509) 427-3850
- Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services (360) 795-6207