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Update as of June 20th, 2019

The Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) is continuing to investigate reports of gastrointestinal (digestive) illness in individuals who ate at Tequila's Mexican Grill between Saturday, June 15th and Tuesday, June 18th. At this time, 39 individuals have contacted BEDHD to report feeling ill after eating at the restaurant. BEDHD is interviewing individuals that reported feeling well, and those who reported feeling ill after eating at Tequila's Mexican Grill. The source of the illness is still unknown and the investigation is ongoing.

Tequila's Mexican Grill is cooperating with the investigation. On the evening of Tuesday, June 18th, all ready-to-eat food that had been prepared between Sunday, June 16th and Tuesday, June 18th was discarded. On Wednesday, June 19th the restaurant completed environmental cleaning and BEDHD completed interviews with all staff. After these public health interventions BEDHD allowed Tequila's Mexican Grill to re-open with health department oversight at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19th.

If you ate at Tequila's Mexican Grill (430 N Cochran Ave, Charlotte, MI 48813) on Saturday, June 15th through Tuesday, June 18th and are feeling ill (especially with nausea, abdominal cramping, vomiting, or diarrhea), please contact BEDHD's Environmental Health Division at (517) 541-2615. If you are feeling sick you may also contact your health care provider.

BEDHD will provide updates on the investigation as information becomes available. To access this information visit the Barry-Eaton District Health Department's website at www.barryeatonhealth.org.

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June 19th, 2019

Restaurant Closure at Tequila's Mexican Grill in Charlotte

On the evening of June 18th, the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) temporarily closed Tequila's Mexican Grill, located in Charlotte, Michigan. The closing was ordered after gastrointestinal (digestive) illness was reported in 10 individuals who ate at the restaurant for lunch on Sunday, June 16th. BEDHD is conducting an investigation of the restaurant and the illnesses.



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On the morning of June 18th, BEDHD received the first complaint and received a second later in the day after investigation had begun. The restaurant will not open before employees are interviewed by BEDHD staff as part of the investigation. Next steps for Tequila's Mexican Grill will be decided based on the results of these interviews. The restaurant is cooperative and is participating in BEDHD's investigation.

All known individuals who were ill report feeling better.

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