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**FRANKLIN HEALTH DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES FOODBORNE ILLNESS**

**FRANKLIN, WI** – Franklin Health Department officials are currently investigating an outbreak of foodborne illness that has affected as many as 20 residents and visitors who attended a wedding reception on Saturday, November 20, 2010.

"We understand that a foodborne illness can be alarming but the primary risk is to those individuals who attended the wedding," said Mr. Wucherer, Health Officer of the Franklin Health Department. "I want to assure everyone that local public health officials are working with the state government to confirm a diagnosis and to identify a source. In addition, we are dedicating department resources in order to promptly, appropriately, and effectively respond to the outbreak."

The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene has received clinical samples that will be tested in order to identify the illness cause. The signs of illness have included nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. No ill person has been reported to be hospitalized.

"Identifying the cause, protecting the public, and containing this outbreak are priorities for the Franklin Public Health Department," Health Officer Wucherer said. "Our public health nurses are interviewing wedding guests and food handlers who worked at this event."

Information and updates will be posted on the Franklin Health Department website:  
<http://www.franklinwi.gov/Home/Departments/Health.htm>

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