

Skokie Country Club in Glencoe Illinois linked to *Salmonella* illnesses



Reunions moved following kitchen closure



An outbreak of foodborne illness caused by *Salmonella* Enteritidis has been linked to the Skokie Country Club in Glencoe, Illinois. The outbreak has resulted in 37 confirmed cases, 50 suspected cases and 8 hospitalization.

Many of the victims ate at the Skokie Country Club between June 12 and 24. The Cook County Department of Public Health (IL) is investigating the outbreak but has not yet found a source.

According to the Skokie Country Club management, outside food safety consultants and laboratory services have been contracted to help identify potential sources.

Reunions for several middle and high schools were booked to be held at the Skokie Country club but had to be relocated.

Reunion organizers posted on their website: "This could be a lot worse – they could have closed down the club the day after our reunion. This is quite serious as we understand that several people are in the hospital due to this."



Food handlers can transmit *Salmonella* without even showing symptoms

Only 3% of salmonellosis cases are officially reported

Limit the chance of a *Salmonella* outbreak by:
practicing proper handwashing; employing good cleaning and sanitation; cooking foods to the correct temperatures; buying food from safe sources and not working while ill.

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