

# Infection tied to California restaurant sickens 188 people

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Public health officials in California say at least 188 people in six counties have contracted a bacterial infection after eating at a San Francisco Bay Area restaurant.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department issued a warning to people who ate at Mariscos San Juan on Oct. 16 or 17.

The department says many of the people sickened by the intestinal infection caused by the [shigella bacteria](#) have required admission to a hospital. Symptoms include fever, abdominal pain and diarrhea. At least three people have sued the restaurant.

Officials suspect the bacteria was spread by a contaminated food handler. The food source remains unknown.

The restaurant had its permit suspended and remains closed. Calls to the restaurant rang unanswered Wednesday.

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