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The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Gives an Update Regarding Overnight Illness Reports Within the Mecklenburg County Detention Center

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – This past weekend, approximately 50 residents of the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC) experienced symptoms of stomach illness. On Monday, the Mecklenburg County Health Department (Health Department) visited the facility and after considering several possible causes determined that MCDCC experienced a gastrointestinal outbreak.

All residents feeling unwell were given immediate and appropriate medical attention. All affected residents have been responding well to treatment and most were feeling better within 24 hours of the onset of symptoms. The Health Department required the MCDCC to take immediate precautionary measures, including mandatory use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while cleaning and disinfecting affected areas of the facility. Additionally, the Health Department reviewed the cleaning and disinfecting products to be used to ensure appropriate effectiveness.

The Medical Director for MCDCC announced that testing of all residents who were symptomatic with gastrointestinal illness began Monday. MCSO will notify the public of any updates. Members of the public may also call the [Medical Support Hotline](tel:980-314-5222) (980-314-5222) to leave a message with any questions. Calls to the Medical Support Hotline will be returned by medical personnel within 72 hours.

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