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SHIGELLA OUTBREAK UPDATE

Santa Clara County, CA: As of 5:00 p.m. Friday night (October 23, 2015) the number of outbreak-associated cases of Shigella reported to Santa Clara County Public Health Department (SCCPHD) now stands at 182; 144 of these cases are in Santa Clara County residents and 38 reported cases are in people who live in other counties. Of the 182 total cases, 72 are lab confirmed; 55 of which are in Santa Clara County residents. There are 17 confirmed cases in other jurisdictions, including Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Marin, and Merced counties. Nearly all of the cases have reported that they ate at Mariscos San Juan #3 restaurant on Friday October 16th or Saturday October 17th.

SCCPHD remains focused on the outbreak investigation and we continue to work closely with our colleagues in other affected counties and with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Mariscos San Juan #3 restaurant remains closed.

Shigella is extremely contagious. People with diarrhea must not work, especially food service workers, healthcare providers, and childcare workers. Careful, frequent hand washing is extremely important in preventing the continued spread of the outbreak.

We will continue to provide daily updates about the outbreak on our Website until further notice: www.sccphd.org.

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