

Public Health Advisory

Possible botulism in Sanikiluaq

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Sanikiluaq, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Sanikiluaq not to eat fermented meat at this time. Public Health is investigating reports of people possibly becoming ill with botulism after eating fermented meat.

People who have eaten fermented meat should watch for symptoms like:

- Diarrhea, nausea and vomiting.
- Feeling weak or tired.
- Blurred vision.
- Weakness of the arms, chest muscles and legs.
- Trouble breathing.

If you have any of these symptoms or questions, please call the community health centre in Sanikiluaq at 867-266-8965.

If you have leftover fermented meat that could be used for testing, please contact your regional environmental health officer at 867-975-1163.

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