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Public Health Advisory

Botulism: Sanikiluaq residents to watch for illness from eating fermented meat

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

People who have eaten fermented meat should watch for symptoms such as:

- 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 have any 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 867-645-6660.

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