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Bacteria found in food products matches clinical samples in child care center outbreak investigation

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The Alabama Department of Public Health Bureau of Clinical Laboratories has confirmed that the same *Staphylococcus aureus* toxin-producing bacteria that grew from several food products served at a Montgomery child care center matches the bacteria from samples taken from children who became ill after ingesting food at the center.

Public health environmentalists have worked with Sunnyside Child Care Center employees regarding the kitchen and food handling to avoid any reoccurrence and prevent future food-related outbreaks. Operations at the facility were resumed Monday.

Other clinical samples tested were negative as of July 1.

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