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### **Texas State University Responds to Student Health Concerns at Commons Dining Hall**

SAN MARCOS, TX (March 19, 2024) -- Early this morning, six students from Texas State University were taken to the hospital after falling ill shortly after eating breakfast at the Commons Dining Hall. The University is deeply concerned for the well-being of these students, five of whom are in stable condition, with one student currently in intensive care.

In response to this incident, Texas State University has launched an immediate investigation in collaboration with local health authorities to determine the source of the illness. The Commons Dining Hall will be temporarily closed as a precautionary measure, and we are reviewing all food safety protocols to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Kelly Damphousse, Texas State University President said the safety and health of the university's students are paramount.

"We are doing everything in our power to support the affected students and their families during this difficult time." said Damphousse, "We are committed to finding out what happened and ensuring it does not happen again."

For the latest updates on this situation and information on dining alternatives, please visit the Texas State University website or contact the University Relations Office. We encourage any students experiencing symptoms to seek immediate medical attention and report their condition to the University Health Center.

## **Texas State University Tweets**

**Tweet #1:** "We're addressing the Commons Dining Hall incident, prioritizing our students' health and investigating the cause. Updates to follow. #TXST"

**Tweet #2:** "President Damphousse emphasizes student safety as our top concern, committing to a thorough investigation and support for affected students. #TXSTStrong"

**Tweet #3:** "Commons Dining Hall is closed for review. Please visit our website for the latest updates and alternative dining options. #SafetyFirstTXST"