

## **Charlotte post office employees taken to hospital with possible food poisoning**

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More than a dozen postal employees have been taken to an area hospital with suspected food poisoning after eating leftovers from a Veterans Day potluck, officials said Thursday.

Medic initially transported nine people to Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center with “general illness symptoms” shortly after 6:30 a.m. Thursday.

By 8:30 a.m., post office officials said approximately 15 people had been taken to the hospital.

The patients were transported from a U.S. Postal Service logistics center in the 1800 block of West Pointe Drive, just northwest of Interstate 85 near Moores Chapel Road.

“Nearly 200 employees participated in a potluck dinner Tuesday evening to honor co-workers who are veterans. Some of the food was refrigerated overnight Tuesday,” post office officials said in a media statement.

“Employees and managers returning to work on Wednesday helped themselves to the leftovers; after consuming them, some complained of stomach pains.”

Delivery and retail operations at the facility are not expected to be affected Thursday, officials said.

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