Press Conference Talking Points

- Investigation was a collaborative effort between local, state, and federal partners.

- Investigative report information was received from DSHS Region 7 on Monday, May 20.

- Although not 100%, it is highly likely that the 5 confirmed cases were linked to one restaurant (Coco Loco-located on George Bush in College Station).

- Source of the E. coli is linked to ground beef.

- It is not known if the cause was due to improper temperature, improper cooking, or cross-contamination.

- There were no food samples available so the source was unable to be tested.

- This was an isolated incident and is not an on-going threat to public health.

- No indication that it was linked to meat distribution.

- Coco Loco has been cooperative throughout the investigation.

- Coco Loco was inspected before and after the incident. They have implemented a glove only policy, will keep a log for holding and cooking temperatures for meat. BCHD will continue to monitor with an increased number of inspections. They have been following accepted methods for thawing of meats.

- No further cases.