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The WEDCO District Health Department is currently investigating reports of gastrointestinal illness among children and staff associated with a childcare facility in Scott County. At this time, symptoms reported include vomiting, diarrhea, and nausea. The exact cause of the illness has not yet been determined.

Out of an abundance of caution, WEDCO recommended temporary closure of the facility to allow for thorough cleaning and to help prevent further spread of illness. We are also in communication with families and staff to better understand the scope and timeline of symptoms.

We encourage anyone experiencing symptoms of gastrointestinal illness—such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain—to seek medical care and consider appropriate testing. Early testing can help guide treatment, support public health response efforts and reduce spread of illness in the community.

Gastrointestinal illnesses can spread easily in group settings. WEDCO encourages the community to follow standard prevention measures, including:

- Frequent handwashing with soap and water
- Staying home when experiencing symptoms such as vomiting or diarrhea
- Avoiding food preparation for others while ill and for at least 48 hours after symptoms resolve

WEDCO will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as more information becomes available.

Our priority remains the health and safety of the children, staff, and families in our community.

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