

**Vestal High School Food Tampering Incident  
Recorded Information Line – 01/13/05**

This information is related to the food-tampering incident that occurred at the Vestal Senior High School on Wednesday, January 12, 2005. Specifically, a portion of sheep's brain tissue was removed from a science classroom and was discovered in a salad dressing bowl located in the main cafeteria.

Some parents may have concerns regarding health issues related to this incident. According to the Deputy State Public Health Veterinarian, there is no infectious disease risk from ingesting sheep brain.

The brain was preserved with formalin solution, which contained small amounts of formaldehyde, propylene glycol and water. According to the New York State Poison Control Center, chemicals in these concentrations have a minimal effect on the body. Any of these minor health effects would be localized such as irritation in the mouth or stomach, and would have occurred in the first 6 hours.

If you have any health concerns, contact your medical physician. To speak directly to a Communicable Disease Nurse, call 778-2804.