



PRESS RELEASE

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No Contaminated Fish Found in Mandeville Market

The Manchester Health Department (MHD) is informing the public that results from fish samples taken from the Mandeville market in May 2024 reveal that there were no traces of chemical formaldehyde, commonly known as embalming fluid, in the fish.

This was confirmed by the Government Chemist Laboratory.

In May, the MHD received a report from two residents in the parish about falling ill after consuming a fish meal. The residents purchased the fish from the Mandeville market and then prepared it at home.

A detailed history was taken from the residents and raw and cooked fish samples were collected from them. Samples were also collected of sliced and other fish in the market from all the fish vendors.

The Manchester Health Department has been in dialogue with the complainants over the period until the results were shared.

The Manchester Health Department is encouraging persons to continue being vigilant when purchasing food for consumption.

The team will continue its monitoring and surveillance of food establishments including the markets.

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