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ELON COUNTRY CLUB RESPONDS TO HEAT LAMP INCIDENT

Club addresses safety measures after patron sustains an injury from glass contamination

ELON, N.C. — Elon Country Club is taking immediate action in response to a TikTok video that went viral over the weekend involving a patron who suffered a mouth injury while dining at the Club's restaurant on Friday, Oct. 4. The incident happened during a busy dinner service and was caused by the explosion of a heat lamp in the kitchen, contaminating the patron's dinner with glass shards. There were no other reported injuries, and the incident has been taken care of.

The patron immediately reported the issue to the Club staff. All contaminated meals were quickly discarded and remade, with no further incidents of food contamination that evening. Due to the high volume of business at the time, the patron did not receive immediate aid or medical attention; yet, Elon Country Club has volunteered to reimburse all medical bills that came along with the incident.

"We were alarmed to learn of this matter and are making immediate changes to ensure the Elon Country Club restaurant is operating under the highest safety standards." Said Ellis Ellerson, Elon Country Club's Director. "Providing safe, high-quality food is among our priorities for a premier club experience, and we have taken steps to avoid something similar happening in the future."

Elon Country Club has already implemented several things to correct all mistakes that were made. This includes in-depth food safety training for all employees, all equipment will be thoroughly inspected and comply with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, along with purchasing high-end heat lamps to ensure that food is still warm, but not contaminated.

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