FOOD/FOODBORNE ILLNESS SCENARIO

You and your family have been on a short cruise aboard the Chicken of the Seas. The final night of the vacation cruise, you and your family attend a buffet dinner with several hundred other guests from different states and countries. Before leaving the ship in the morning, although other people have already returned home, several members of your immediate family get violently sick.

You are a member of a Public Health Consultant Team on call to the cruise line company to deal with just this kind of problem. They need your advice and expertise now to isolate the problem and prevent it from happening again. You will be reporting your entire discovery process and recommendations to the Cruise Line board.

Questions for your group:

1) What questions does your group have about this situation?

2) What do you think could be going on here?

3) What do we know?
4) What is the problem?

5) What do we need to know?

6) What might a "solution" be? What are your recommendations? (Based on this and similar cases)?