

Listeria Outbreak Linked to Brie and Camembert Cheese



Food Safety Alert

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November 1 Update: In addition to the products listed in previous updates, recalled bulk brie and camembert cheese was distributed to 80 stores across Alabama, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. If you bought brie or camembert from these states, check the [list of stores](#) that received recalled bulk brie.

Fast Facts

- Illnesses: 6
- Hospitalizations: 5
- Deaths: 0
- [States](#): 6
- Recall: Yes
- Investigation status: Active



One of the many recalled cheeses

Recalled Food

Brie, baked brie, and camembert cheese made by Old Europe Cheese, Inc.

- Sold under multiple brand names

- Black Bear
 - Block & Barrel
 - Charmant
 - Cobblestone
 - Culinary Tour
 - Fredericks
 - Fresh Thyme
 - Glenview Farms
 - Good & Gather
 - Heinen's
 - Joan of Arc
 - La Bonne Vie
 - Lidl
 - Life in Provence
 - Market 32
 - Matie'd
 - Metropolitan
 - Prestige
 - Primo Taglio
 - Red Apple Cheese
 - Reny Picot
 - St. Louis
 - St. Randeaux
 - St. Rocco
 - Taste of Inspiration
 - Trader Joe
- Sold at stores nationwide in the US and Mexico
 - Albertsons
 - Giant Foods
 - Lidl
 - Stop & Shop
 - Whole Foods
 - And many more
- Best-by dates from September 28, 2022, to December 14, 2022
- See recall notices for a full list of product names, UPC codes, and stores

- [Old Europe Cheese brie and camembert recall](#)
- [St. Louis brie recall](#)
- [Old Europe Cheese baked brie recall](#)
- For questions about recalled cheese, contact Old Europe Cheese at 269-925-5003 ext 335, Monday to Friday from 9am to 12.30pm and 2 to 4pm ET.

Bulk brie and camembert cheese made by Old Europe Cheese, Inc. (in addition to the products listed above)

- Distributed to 80 stores across these states:
 - Alabama
 - Louisiana
 - Maine
 - Massachusetts
 - Michigan
 - New Hampshire
 - Rhode Island
 - Vermont
- Likely repacked and sold under other brand names at these stores
- See [full list of stores](#) that received recalled bulk cheese

Investigators are working to determine if additional products may be contaminated.

What You Should Do

Do not eat recalled cheese. Throw it away.

- If you bought brie or camembert cheese in any of the states listed below, check this [list of stores](#) that received recalled bulk cheese. Ask the store if the cheese you bought is recalled, or throw it away.
 - Alabama
 - Louisiana
 - Maine
 - Massachusetts
 - Michigan
 - New Hampshire
 - Rhode Island
 - Vermont

- [Clean](#) your refrigerator, containers, and surfaces that may have touched the recalled cheese. *Listeria* can survive in the refrigerator and can easily spread to other foods and surfaces.

Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of severe *Listeria* illness after eating recalled cheese:

- **People who are not pregnant** may experience headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, and convulsions, in addition to fever and muscle aches.
- **Pregnant people** usually experience only fever, fatigue, and muscle aches. However, *Listeria* can cause pregnancy loss or premature birth. It can also cause serious illness or death in newborns.

What Businesses Should Do

Do not sell or serve recalled cheese.

- [Clean and disinfect](#) any items and surfaces that may have touched recalled cheese, including anything used to cut or display cheese.

About *Listeria*

- *Listeria* can cause severe illness (known as invasive listeriosis) when the bacteria spread beyond the gut to other parts of the body.
 - Almost all severe illnesses result in hospitalizations and sometimes death.
- Symptoms of severe illness usually start within 2 weeks after eating food contaminated with *Listeria*, but may start as early as the same day or as late as 10 weeks after.
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 - **Pregnant people** usually experience only fever, fatigue, and muscle aches. However, *Listeria* can cause pregnancy loss or premature birth. It can also cause serious illness or death in newborns.
- Pregnant people and their newborns, adults 65 years or older, and people with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness.
 - Other people can be infected with *Listeria*, but they usually get mild food poisoning symptoms, like diarrhea and fever, and usually recover without treatment.

Investigation Details

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Public Health Actions

On October 28, 2022, Old Europe Cheese, Inc. added a [list of stores](#) that received recalled bulk brie and camembert cheese that may be repacked and sold under other brand names.

CDC is advising people not to eat, sell, or serve recalled cheese.