

Multistate Outbreak of *Salmonella* Adelaide Infections Linked to Pre-Cut Melon

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What's New?

- Ten more ill people from five states were added to this investigation since the last update on June 8, 2018.
- Two more states reported ill people: Kentucky and Tennessee.
- The most recent illness started on June 3, 2018. More illnesses may be reported due to the time it takes between when someone becomes ill and when the illness is reported to CDC.

Highlights

Important advice for consumers and retailers:

- On June 8, 2018, Caito Foods, LLC [recalled](#) pre-cut watermelon, honeydew melon, cantaloupe, and fruit medley products containing melons produced at the Caito Foods facility in Indianapolis, Indiana. Recalled products were sold in clear, plastic clamshell containers.
- The FDA has a [list of stores and states](#)[\[PDF – 1.12 MB\]](#) where recalled pre-cut melons and fruit salads were sold. The recalled products were sold at many different stores and carry many different labels.
 - More stores and states may be added as FDA receives more information.
- Do not eat recalled products. Check your refrigerator and freezer for them and throw them away or return them to the place of purchase for a refund.
 - If you don't remember where you bought pre-cut melon, don't eat it and throw it away.
- Retailers should not sell or serve recalled pre-cut melon products distributed by Caito Foods Distribution, Gordon Food Service, and SpartanNash Distribution.
- CDC will update the advice to consumers and retailers if more information becomes available.

Investigation details:

- CDC, public health and regulatory officials in several states, and the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) are investigating an outbreak of *Salmonella* Adelaide infections in seven states.
 - Seventy people infected with the outbreak strain have been reported from seven states.

- Thirty-four people have been hospitalized, and no deaths have been reported.
- [Epidemiologic and preliminary traceback evidence](#) indicates that pre-cut melon supplied by Caito Foods, LLC of Indianapolis, Indiana is a likely source of this multistate outbreak.
 - Most of the ill people reported eating pre-cut cantaloupe, watermelon, or a fruit salad mix with melon purchased from grocery stores.
 - Information collected from stores where ill people shopped indicates that Caito Foods, LLC supplied pre-cut melon to these stores.
- CDC will provide updates when more information is available.

Case Count Update

Since the last update on June 8, 2018, 10 more ill people were added to this outbreak.

As of June 18, 2018, 70 people infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Adelaide have been reported from seven states. A list of the states and the number of cases in each can be found on the [Case Count Map page](#).

Illnesses started on dates ranging from [April 30, 2018, to June 3, 2018](#). Ill people range in age from less than 1 year to 97, with a median age of 67. Sixty-seven percent are female. Out of 63 people with information available, 34 (54%) have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

Illnesses that occurred after May 28, 2018, might not yet be reported due to the time it takes between when a person becomes ill and when the illness is reported. This takes an average of 2 to 4 weeks. Please see the [Timeline for Reporting Cases of *Salmonella* Infection](#) for more details.