

1912MLJN6-1 Salmonella Saintpaul – Closeout Summary This investigation for the Salmonella Saintpaul outbreak is being closed. This cluster consisted of 97 cases from AZ, DC, IA, IL (20), IN, KS (4), MD (18), MI, MN (3), MO (3), NE (7), NJ (2), NY (2), PA (3), VA (13), and WI (17). Known onset dates ranged from November 7, 2019, to February 9, 2020. Cases were 67% female and ages ranged from less than 1 year to 83 years old (median age: 27 years). There were 20 reported hospitalizations and no deaths. Multiple people in this outbreak reported purchasing fruit, in both mixed fruit bowls and as separate items. Many items were purchased at Costco. 62/68 reported any fresh fruit, and 38/42 (73%) specifically reported strawberries. Shopper cards confirmed strawberry purchases, including strawberries in fruit bowls. Unfortunately, not enough traceback evidence could be compiled to converge for strawberries, but strawberries were statistically significant when compared to the FoodNet Pop Survey (45%, and even lower during the months of the outbreak). CDC continued to monitor this cluster for additional uploads and cases slowed. This cluster was closed in week 19 of 2020. This NORS report (2019-0198) was entered today