

Outbreak Investigation of *Listeria monocytogenes*: Ice Cream (July 2022)

Do not eat, sell, or serve recalled ice cream products from Big Olaf Creamery of Sarasota, FL. FDA's outbreak investigation is ongoing.

The FDA, along with CDC, is assisting the Florida Department of Health (FL DOH) and Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (FDACS) in investigating an outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* infections linked to ice cream supplied by Big Olaf Creamery of Sarasota, Florida.

In response to the FL DOH and FDACS outbreak investigation, Big Olaf Creamery of Sarasota, Florida ceased production and distribution of ice cream products on July 1, 2022. Big Olaf Creamery is now working to voluntarily recall all flavors and all lots of Big Olaf brand ice cream products. Big Olaf brand ice cream was sold in plastic pint size containers, plastic ½-gallon containers, and plastic 2.5-gallon tubs, scoopable. All flavors, lots, codes, and expiration dates through 6/30/2022 are included in this recall. The recalled product was sold at Big Olaf retailers in Florida as well as to consumers in restaurants and senior homes, and at one location in Fredericksburg, Ohio.

This is an ongoing investigation, and the FDA is continuing to work with the FL DOH and FDACS to investigate. FDA will update this advisory should additional consumer safety information become available.

Recommendation

Consumers, restaurants, and retailers should not eat, sell, or serve any recalled Big Olaf ice cream products and should throw the product away, regardless of the “Best By” or expiration date.

Listeria is most likely to sicken pregnant people and their newborns, adults aged 65 or older, and people with weakened immune systems. Other people can be infected with *Listeria*, but they rarely become seriously ill.

Call your healthcare provider right away if you have these symptoms after eating Big Olaf ice cream products:

- Pregnant people typically experience only fever, fatigue, and muscle aches. However, *Listeria* infection during pregnancy can lead to miscarriage, stillbirth, premature delivery, or life-threatening infection of the newborn.
- People who are not pregnant may experience headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, and convulsions, in addition to fever and muscle aches.

FDA is concerned that retailers may still be selling recalled Big Olaf ice cream products. Consumers, restaurants, and retailers who purchased or received any recalled Big Olaf ice cream products should throw the products away, follow FDA's safe handling and cleaning advice and use extra vigilance in cleaning and sanitizing any surfaces and containers that may have come in contact with these products to reduce the risk of cross-contamination. *Listeria* can survive in refrigerated temperatures and can easily spread to other foods and surfaces.

Product Images



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VANILLA ICE CREAM

INGREDIENTS: MILKFAT, NONFAT MILK, BUTTERMILK,
SUGAR, CORN SYRUP, MONO & DIGLYCERIDES,
CELLULOSE GUM, CARRAGEENAN, VANILLA EXTRACT,
SALT.

Made in a facility that uses peanuts.