

Salmonella Outbreak Linked to Peanut Butter

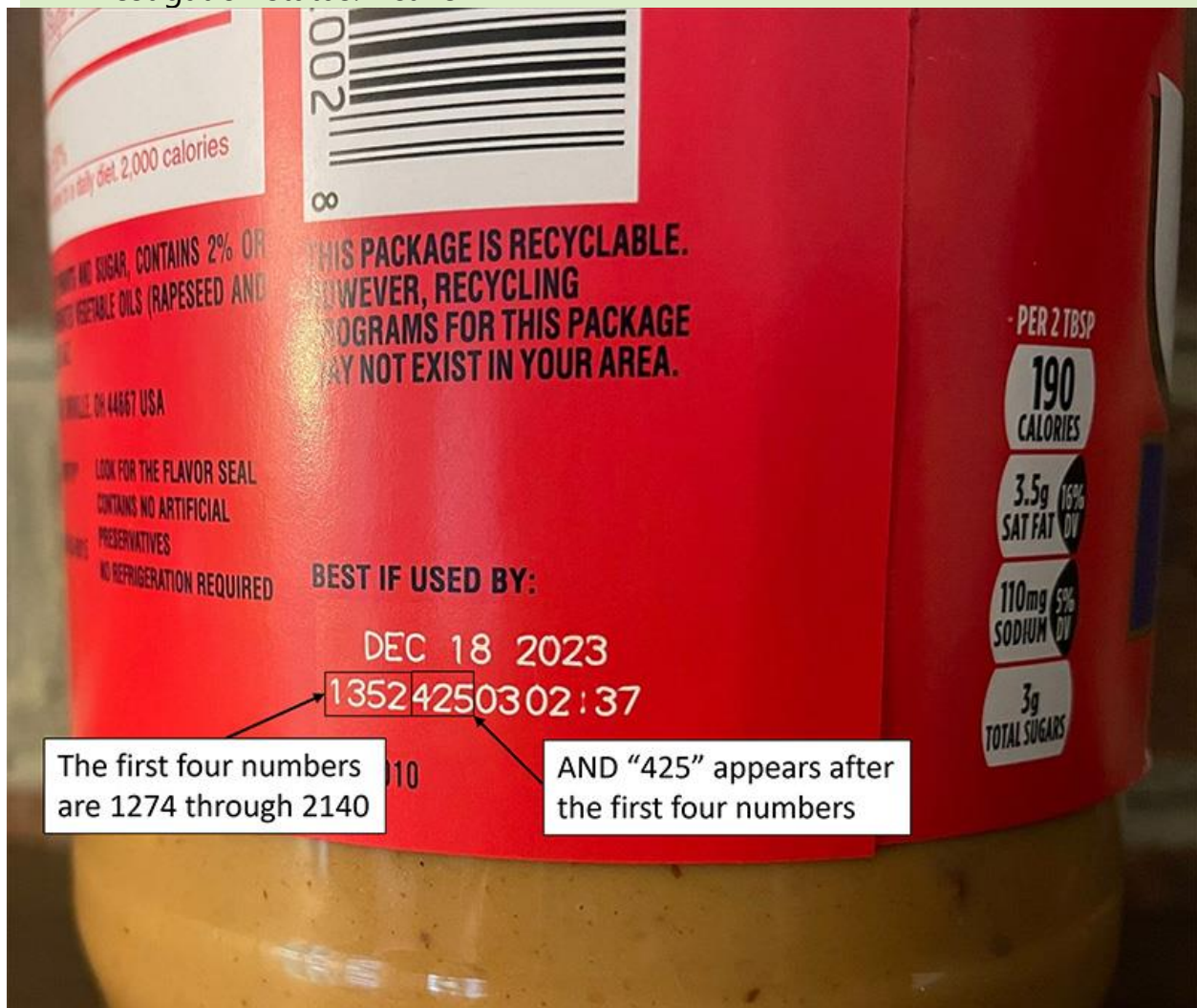


Food Safety Alert

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Fast Facts

- Illnesses: 16
- Hospitalizations: 2
- Deaths: 0
- [States](#): 12
- Recall: Yes
- Investigation status: Active



Recalled Food

Jif brand peanut butter

- Sold at stores worldwide.
- Many types and sizes were recalled, including creamy, crunchy, natural, and reduced fat.
- You can identify recalled products by their lot code. If the first four numbers are 1274 through 2140 and the next three numbers are 425, the product has been recalled. For example, the lot code 1352425 has been recalled. (See photo above.)

Foods made with recalled peanut butter

- Companies have recalled foods made with Jif brand peanut butter, such as snack trays and chocolates.
- Check FDA's website for a list of foods that have been recalled.
- Check USDA-FSIS's Public Health Alert for salads containing recalled Jif brand peanut butter.

What You Should Do

- **Do not eat any recalled foods.** Throw them away or return them to where you bought them.
- Peanut butter can have a very long shelf life, **so be sure to check any Jif peanut butter you have at home to make sure it has not been recalled.**
- **Wash surfaces and containers** that may have touched the recalled foods using hot, soapy water.
- Never feed recalled food to pets or other animals.
- **Call your healthcare provider** if you have one or more of these symptoms after eating recalled peanut butter or other recalled foods:
 - Diarrhea and a fever higher than 102°F
 - Diarrhea for more than 3 days that is not improving
 - Bloody diarrhea
 - So much vomiting that you cannot keep liquids down
 - Signs of dehydration, such as:
 - Not peeing much
 - Dry mouth and throat

- Feeling dizzy when standing up

What Businesses Should Do

- **Do not sell or serve recalled foods.**
- **Wash and sanitize containers and surfaces** that may have come in contact with recalled foods.

Symptoms of *Salmonella*

- Most people infected with *Salmonella* experience diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps.
 - Symptoms usually start 6 hours to 6 days after swallowing the bacteria.
 - Most people recover without treatment after 4 to 7 days.
- Some people – especially children younger than 5 years, adults 65 years and older, and people with weakened immune systems – may experience more severe illnesses that require medical treatment or hospitalization.
- For more information about *Salmonella*, see the CDC's *Salmonella* Questions and Answers page.

Investigation Details

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CDC, public health and regulatory officials in several states, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are collecting different types of data to investigate a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* Senftenberg infections.

Epidemiologic and laboratory data show that some Jif brand peanut butters may be contaminated with *Salmonella* Senftenberg and are making people sick.

Epidemiologic Data

Since the last update on May 21, 2022, two more illnesses have been reported. As of May 25, 2022, a total of 16 people infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Senftenberg have been reported from 12 states. Illnesses started on dates ranging from February 19, 2022, through May 2, 2022.

Sick people range in age from less than one to 85 years, with a median age of 51, and 73% are female. Of nine people with information available, two have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

The true number of sick people in an outbreak is likely much higher than the number reported, and the outbreak may not be limited to the states with known illnesses. This is because many people recover without medical care and are not tested for *Salmonella*. In addition, recent illnesses may not yet be reported as it usually takes 2 to 4 weeks to determine if a sick person is part of an outbreak.

State and local public health officials are interviewing people about the foods they ate in the week before they got sick. Of the 10 people interviewed, 10 (100%) reported eating peanut butter. Of the nine sick people with brand information, all nine (100%) reported eating Jif brand peanut butter.

Laboratory Data

WGS analysis of 16 people's samples did not predict resistance to any antibiotics. Standard antibiotic susceptibility testing by CDC's National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS) laboratory is currently underway.

Public Health Actions

On May 20 2022, J.M. Smucker Company recalled multiple Jif brand peanut butter types. Additional companies have recalled food items made with Jif brand peanut butter. Do not eat, sell, or serve recalled foods.