

Children hospitalized after illness linked to raw milk

JACKSON—Two children were hospitalized after drinking raw milk purchased through the Slow Food in the Tetons online market in September.

The Wyoming Department of Health confirmed on Wednesday that in total four children and one adult were sickened from either E. coli or Campylobacter bacteria stemming from an online purchase made on Sept. 14 and/or Sept. 21.

These cases were found in Teton and Lincoln counties.

The state traced the illnesses to the consumption of raw milk and/or raw milk products. The state did not identify the seller.

Slow Food in the Tetons Executive Director Scott Steen said it was the decision of the nonprofit organization to discontinue product sales from that vendor after being made aware of the illness.

“Slow Food in the Tetons took rapid action to comply with requests from Teton County Environmental Health and Wyoming Public Health Division,” read a press release issued on Wednesday to the Jackson Hole News&Guide. “In an abundance of caution, Slow Food in the Tetons also informed potentially impacted customers of the investigation and asked that any remaining product not be consumed.”

Campylobacter and Escherichia coli bacteria cause diarrhea, cramping, abdominal pain and fever. Campylobacter

occasionally spreads to the bloodstream and causes a serious life-threatening infection. Most strains of E. coli are harmless; others can make you sick.

“The consumption of raw milk and or raw milk products is known to be associated with E. coli and campylobacter illnesses,” said Kim Deti, public information officer with Wyoming Department of Health. “Both the seller and the producer identified in connection with the illness cluster have been cooperative, allowing for direct communication with the consumers involved.”

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