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## **Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter could be linked to salmonella outbreak**

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Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter made with sea salt may be linked to a multi-state outbreak of salmonella, including two cases in Pennsylvania.

The department is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and public health officials in several states to investigate the outbreak, according to a news release from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Not including Pennsylvania, there have been 29 cases of illness reported across the nation.

Trader Joe's has voluntarily removed the product for sale from its stores, but consumers who have the product in their homes should discard it and should also be aware that this product is sold online through other retail outlet, the release said.

### **According to the release:**

Anyone who recently consumed Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter made with sea salt and then became ill to consult their healthcare provider, local health department, or call the Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH.

Symptoms of salmonella infection included diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps six to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts two to seven days, and most people recover without treatment. However, in some cases, the diarrhea may be so severe that the patient requires hospitalization.

Older adults, infants and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness from salmonella infection.

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