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Salmonella

Multistate Outbreak of *Salmonella* Bredeney Infections Linked to Peanut Butter Manufactured By Sunland, Inc.

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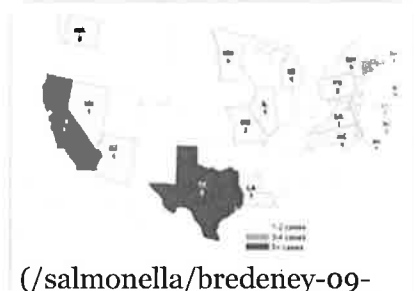
At a Glance:

- **Case Count: 35** (</salmonella/bredeney-09-12/epi.html>)
- **States: 19** (</salmonella/bredeney-09-12/map.html>)
- **Deaths: 0**
- **Hospitalizations: 8**
- **Recall: Yes** (</salmonella/bredeney-09-12/advice-consumers.html>)

More Information:

- Recall & Advice to Consumers (</salmonella/bredeney-09-12/advice-consumers.html>)
- Signs & Symptoms (</salmonella/bredeney-09-12/signs-symptoms.html>)
- Key Resources (</salmonella/bredeney-09-12/key-resources.html>)

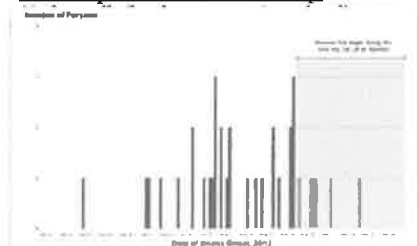
Latest Case Count Map



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Latest Epi Curve

[Click map to view case count map](#)



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[Click graph to view updated & previous epi curve graphs. \(/salmonella/bredeney-09-12/epi.html\)](#)

Highlights

- **Read the Advice to Consumers »** (</salmonella/bredeney-09-12/advice-consumers.html>)
- A total of 35 persons infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Bredeney have been reported from 19 states.
 - Eight ill persons have been hospitalized, and no deaths have been reported.
 - 63% percent of ill persons are children under the age of 10 years.
- Collaborative investigation efforts of state, local, and federal public health and regulatory agencies indicate that Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter made with Sea Salt, manufactured by Sunland, Inc. of Portales, New Mexico, is a likely source of this outbreak.
 - On October 12, 2012, Sunland, Inc. expanded its ongoing recall to include raw and roasted shelled and in-shell peanuts. FDA testing has found the presence of *Salmonella* bacteria in raw peanuts from the peanut processing facility.
 - On October 13, 2012, FDA analysis confirmed that environmental samples (<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/CORENetwork/ucm320413.htm>)  (<http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html>) showing the presence of *Salmonella* in Sunland's nut butter facility match the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Bredeney.
- Based on available information, CDC recommends that consumers do not eat recalled peanut butter or other recalled products containing nuts and seeds (<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323824.htm>)  (<http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html>) and dispose of any remaining jars of product in the home or return the product to the place of purchase.
 - This is especially important for children under the age of 5 years, older adults, and people with weak immune systems.
- Investigations are ongoing to determine if any other foods manufactured by Sunland, Inc. are also a source in this outbreak.

October 15, 2012

Investigation Update

Analysis conducted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has confirmed that environmental samples showing the presence of *Salmonella* bacteria (<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/CORENetwork/ucm320413.htm>)  (<http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html>) in Sunland's nut butter facility have a DNA fingerprint that is the same as the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Bredeney.

Sunland, Inc. reports that it has ceased the production and distribution of all products from both its nut butter facility and its peanut processing facility.

FDA is currently conducting an inspection of Sunland, Inc. manufacturing facilities in Portales, New Mexico.

Recall Update

On October 12, 2012, Sunland, Inc. further expanded its ongoing recall to include raw and roasted shelled and in-shell peanuts (<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323824.htm>)  (<http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html>) sold in quantities from 2 ounces to 50 pounds which are within their current shelf life or have no stated expiration date.

FDA testing found the presence of *Salmonella* bacteria in raw peanuts from the peanut processing facility.

October 5, 2012

Case Count Update

A total of 35 persons infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Bredeney have been reported from 19 states. Five new cases have been reported from three states since September 25, 2012: California (3), Missouri (1), and Texas (1).

Among persons for whom information is available, illness onset dates range from June 14, 2012, to September 18, 2012. Ill persons range in age from less than 1 year to 79 years, with a median age of 7 years. Sixty-three percent of ill persons are children under the age of 10 years. Sixty-three percent of ill persons are male. Among 30 persons with available information, 8 (27%) patients reported being hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

Illnesses that occurred after August 27, 2012 might not be reported yet due to the time it takes between when a person becomes ill and when the illness is reported.

Investigation Update

Twenty-one (75%) of 28 ill persons interviewed report shopping at Trader Joe's locations across the United States. Twenty-one (100%) of Trader Joe's shoppers reported purchasing and eating peanut butter from Trader Joe's. Nineteen (90%) of 21 ill persons report eating Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter made with Sea Salt in the week before becoming ill. Two (10%) of 21 ill persons report eating Trader Joe's Valencia Peanut Butter with Roasted Flaxseed. Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter made with Sea Salt and Valencia Peanut Butter with Roasted Flaxseed are manufactured by Sunland, Inc. All 21 (100%) of these ill persons reported eating one of the two Trader Joe's branded peanut butters covered by the Sunland recall  [\[PDF - 5 pages\]](#)
<http://www.sunlandinc.com/788/html/pdfs/SunlandRecall.pdf> 
<http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html>).

Testing conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture laboratory isolated the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Bredeney from an opened jar of Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Peanut Butter collected from a case-patient's home.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is currently conducting an inspection of Sunland, Inc. manufacturing facilities in Portales, New Mexico. On October 5, 2012 the FDA announced that environmental samples taken in the Sunland Inc. nut butter production facility <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/CORENetwork/ucm320413.htm> 
<http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html> show the presence of *Salmonella*. Further analysis to identify the type of *Salmonella* is pending. Environmental samples are samples taken from various surfaces in the production or manufacturing facility that would likely harbor bacteria.

September 25, 2012

Case Count Update

A total of 30 persons infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Bredeney have been reported from 19 states. The number of ill people identified in each state with the outbreak strain is as follows: Arizona (1), California (2), Connecticut (3), Illinois (1), Louisiana (1), Massachusetts (3), Maryland (1), Michigan (1), Minnesota (1), Missouri (1), Nevada (1), New Jersey (2), New York (1), North Carolina (1), Pennsylvania (2), Rhode Island (1), Texas (4), Virginia (1), and Washington (2).

Among persons for whom information is available, illness onset dates range from June 11, 2012 to September 11, 2012. Ill persons range in age from less than 1 year to 77 years, with a median age of 7 years. Sixty-three percent of ill persons are children under the age of 10 years. Sixty-six percent of ill persons are male. Among 13 persons with available information, 4 (31%) patients reported being hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

Illnesses that occurred after August 30, 2012 might not be reported yet due to the time it takes between when a person becomes ill and when the illness is reported.

Initial Announcement

September 22, 2012

CDC is collaborating with public health officials in several states and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to investigate a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* Bredeney infections. Preliminary results from this ongoing joint investigation indicate that Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter made with Sea Salt is a likely source of this outbreak.

Public health investigators are using DNA "fingerprints" of *Salmonella* bacteria obtained through diagnostic testing with pulsed-field gel electrophoresis, or PFGE, to identify cases of illness that may be part of this outbreak. They are using data from [PulseNet \(/pulsenet/\)](#), the national subtyping network made up of state and local public health laboratories and federal food regulatory laboratories that performs molecular surveillance of foodborne infections... [\(show more »\)](#) (#)

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