

Health Alerts

Health Advisory #193 - Outbreak of Salmonella tennessee Associated with Peanut Butter - 02/16/2007

SUMMARY

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported an ongoing multi-state outbreak of Salmonella tennessee associated with peanut butter.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has recommended consumers not eat certain jars of Peter Pan or Great Value peanut butter.
- As of today, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has identified 32 cases of Salmonella tennessee, all of whom match the multi-state outbreak pattern by pulse-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE). Five of the 32 cases are Erie County residents.
- The Erie County Department of Health is asking providers to consider Salmonella in the differential diagnosis of patients with diarrhea, obtain a food history including consumption of peanut butter, and order stool cultures.
- Immediately report all confirmed cases of Salmonella tennessee and all suspected and confirmed cases of salmonellosis in patients who report consumption of peanut butter in the week prior to illness to the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH).

BACKGROUND

The CDC is investigating a multi-state outbreak of Salmonella tennessee that is likely associated with peanut butter. Nationwide, 288 outbreak-related cases have been reported to the CDC from 39 states. The NYSDOH, in collaboration with 18 local health departments (LHDs), has investigated 32 cases. Five of the 32 cases are Erie County residents.

The ECDOH is advising consumers not to eat Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter with product code appearing on the lid of the jar that begins with "2111". This peanut butter should not be served in any NYSDOH-regulated facility, including, but not restricted to hospitals, nursing homes, long term care facilities, group homes, day cares, restaurants and cafeterias.