

Food Establishment News

Multi-state *Salmonella* outbreak linked to cut melons

Pre-cut watermelon, honeydew melon, cantaloupe and pre-cut fruit medley products containing one of these melons from Caito Foods LLC is the likely source of the outbreak.

Do not eat, serve, or sell recalled pre-cut melon and fruit medley products produced by Caito Foods.

Ninety-three people from nine states, including Minnesota, are reported to have *Salmonella* linked to this outbreak.

Caito Foods issued a recall for these products on April 12, 2019.

- Recalled pre-cut melons were packaged in clear, plastic clamshell containers.

If you cannot determine if pre-cut melon you purchased was produced by Caito Foods, do not serve it. The product should be discarded.

These products were distributed by:

- Caito Foods Distribution with the label "Distributed by Caito Foods"
- Gordon Food Service with the label "Distributed by Caito Foods"
- SpartanNash Distribution with the label "Open Acres"

The products were sold at retailers including:

- Target under the Garden Highway label
- Trader Joe's under the Trader Joe's label
- Walmart under a Freshness Guaranteed label
- Amazon/Whole Foods under the Whole Foods Market label

Symptoms of *Salmonella* infection

- Most people infected with *Salmonella* develop diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps.

Ill patrons should call the Minnesota Foodborne Illness Hotline at 1-877-Food-Ill (1-877-366-3455).

Record employee illnesses on your [employee illness log](#). Report illnesses to the Minnesota Health Department when required by the Minnesota Food Code. Employees with vomiting and diarrhea cannot return to work for at least 24 hours after symptoms end.

Find more information about this outbreak at the Centers for Disease Control [Food Safety Alert](#) or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [Outbreak notice](#).

If you have questions about this outbreak, contact [Minneapolis Environmental Health](#) by calling 311 (612-673-3000) or emailing Minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov. Ask for an Environmental Health supervisor.

Green To Go changes

As of April 22, 2019, (Earth Day) Minneapolis food businesses must switch to recyclable or compostable cups and containers for hot and cold beverages and liquid foods (such as soup).



The City's Green To Go ordinance requires food and beverages prepared to-go or for immediate consumption be placed in reusable, recyclable or compostable containers.

To meet Green To Go rules, use recyclable plastic #1, #2, or #5, or compostable products.

To verify if a plastic-lined cup, bowl, or container is certified compostable look for the BPI® or Cedar Grove® logo.

A standard disposable coffee cup (non-compostable plastic-lined paper) and a #6 plastic lid (shown right) are an example of products that cannot be used after April 22, 2019.



Find Green To Go information on the [Green To Go](#) web page.

If you have questions about Green to Go, contact the Health Department at 612-673-2301 or health@minneapolismn.gov. Include "Green To Go" in your subject line.

Food Code changes in Chinese and Hmong

The Top 20 changes to the new Minnesota Food Code flyer is now in Hmong and Chinese.

Find them on the Minneapolis Health Department website along with the Spanish and English flyers.

Top 20 Food Code changes (PDF):

- [Chinese](#)
- [Hmong](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [English](#)

[2019 Major Food Code Changes for Businesses](#)

If you have questions about the new Food Code, contact your health inspector by calling 311 (612-673-3000) or emailing minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov.

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