



## “PASS” Produce Alert Safety System

Good Morning,

This is not a recall alert. Keeping you in the know:

### **[Multistate Outbreak of *E. coli* O157:H7 Infections – Source Unknown]**

“CDC, several states, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service are investigating a multistate outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* O157:H7 infections. The investigation is still ongoing and a specific food item, grocery store, or restaurant chain has not been identified as the source of infections. CDC is not recommending that consumers avoid any particular food at this time. Restaurants and retailers are not advised to avoid serving or selling any particular food.”

“According to the CDC, reports of illness from *E. coli* began on dates ranging from March 22 to March 31. New Jersey reported six cases of *E. coli*, Idaho reported four, Connecticut and Pennsylvania reported two each, and Missouri, Ohio and Washington reported one case of *E. coli*. Six people have been hospitalized, including one who developed hemolytic uremic syndrome, a type of kidney failure. The age range of those infected ranges from 12 to 84 years old, with a median age of 41, the CDC said. Women make up 65% of those who caught *E. coli*. The CDC said no deaths have been reported.”

<http://time.com/5237594/ecoli-cdc-multistate-outbreak/>

We will continue to keep you updated with new information as it becomes available and don’t hesitate to reach out with any specific questions or concerns.

Keeping You Informed,

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