



Flour Recalled Due to Possible Contamination

December 5, 2019 - The Kane County Health Department is advising that Hodgson Mill of Effingham, IL, announced today a voluntary national recall of specific lots of its Unbleached All-Purpose White Wheat Flour (5 lb.) due to the potential presence of pathogenic *E. coli* which was discovered through sampling raw uncooked flour.

The only product affected by this voluntary recall is Unbleached All-Purpose White Wheat Flour (5 lb.) UPC 0-71518-05009-2 Best By Date 10-01-2020 and 10-02-2020 with lot codes listed Lot# 001042 & 005517. Use By and Lot Code information can be found on the bottom back panel of the 5 lb. Bag. Used By date and Lot Code, along with their location on the bag, must all match in order to represent flour affected by this recall.

Hodgson Mill has not received any confirmed reports of illnesses related to this product. Symptoms of pathogenic *E. coli* illness include acute, often bloody diarrheal illness and abdominal cramps. Most people recover within a week. However, children, the elderly, and immunosuppressed individuals may develop hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), a severe illness which may cause the kidneys to fail.

E. coli is killed by heat through baking, frying, sautéing, or boiling products made with flour. Consumers are reminded to wash their hands, work surfaces, and utensils thoroughly after contact with raw dough products or flour, and to never eat raw dough or batter.

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This lot of flour was milled at an ADM Milling Facility in St Louis, MO and repacked at Hodgson Mill, Inc. facility in Effingham, IL and was distributed by Hodgson Mill through retailers and distribution nationwide and sold through the website www.hodgsonmill.com.

Consumers who have purchased 5 lb. packages of Unbleached All-Purpose White Wheat Flour with specific lot codes are urged to stop using the product immediately and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company customer service M-F 9am to 3pm at 1-888-417-9343 x 1.

More information is online at <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/hodgson-mill-issues-voluntary-recall-unbleached-all-purpose-white-wheat-flour-due-potential-presence>

The Kane County Health Department has an abundance of information on food safety online at KaneHealth.com/Pages/Food-Safety.aspx.

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