

Kane County Health Department

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Meijer recalls Meijer brand packaged produce due to possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Meijer is recalling various packaged Meijer brand produce items due to a potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

No illnesses have been reported to date. The recall affects products sold in Meijer stores in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin purchased Sept. 27 through Oct. 20. The items will be in plastic containers or foam trays with printed labels with various sizes and weights.

For a list of recalled products, please click <u>here</u>. Meijer received notice of a possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination from Mann Packing, a Meijer supplier based in Salinas, Calif. that sources the Meijer branded produce items. Mann Packing informed Meijer that evidence of potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination had been identified by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. No illnesses have been reported to date.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms like high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, a *Listeria monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Customers should stop using the product and either dispose of it or return it to the customer service desk at any Meijer store for a full refund. For additional information, please contact Meijer at 800-543-3704, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For additional information on Meijer, please visit <u>www.meijer.com</u>. Follow Meijer on Twitter <u>@twitter.com/Meijer</u> and <u>@twitter.com/MeijerPR</u> or become a fan at <u>www.facebook.com/meijer</u>.