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Melon products recalled due to possible salmonella contamination

Caito Foods is voluntarily recalling dozens of fresh cut watermelon, honeydew melon, cantaloupe and fresh-cut mixed fruit products containing one of these melons, produced at the Caito Foods facility in Indianapolis, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Reports of illnesses linked to these products are under investigation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has linked 58 illnesses to the strain of *Salmonella* under investigation. The products were packaged in clear, plastic clamshell containers and distributed in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina and Ohio.

Because it is possible that products shipped between April 17 and June 7 could still be on store shelves, this recall extends to both retailers and consumers.

Use or consumption of products contaminated with *Salmonella* may result in serious illness. It can also produce serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy individuals infected with *Salmonella* can experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Consumers seeking information may call 844-467-7278 Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT and Saturday and Sunday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT. This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. For a full list of products, please click here.