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Washington firm expands recall of frozen vegetables due to possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising that CRF Frozen Foods of Pasco, Washington is expanding its April 25 voluntary recall of frozen organic and traditional fruits and vegetables due to the potential they might be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

This expanded recall includes all of the frozen organic and traditional fruit and vegetable products manufactured or processed in CRF Frozen Foods' Pasco facility since May 1, 2014. All affected products have the best by dates or sell by dates between April 26, 2016 and April 26, 2018. These include approximately 358 consumer products sold under 42 separate brands. For a complete list of affected products, visit <http://crffrozenfoods.com/recall-press-release/>. CRF had already suspended operations at its Pasco, Washington facility as of April 25, 2016 following the initial voluntary recall. All retailers who received the products have been contacted.

Products being recalled may have been purchased in all 50 U.S. states as well as Canada. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has informed CRF Frozen Foods that it has identified seven people from three states—none from Kane County—who became ill and were hospitalized due to *Listeria*. Some of these illnesses have been linked to consuming CRF-manufactured or processed products. CDC also reports that two of these individuals later died, but that *Listeria* was not the cause of death in either person.

Listeria monocytogenes 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 such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain, and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Consumers who purchased these products may return them to the store where they were purchased for a refund, or simply discard them. Consumers with questions may call the company's consumer hotline at 844-483-3866, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern Standard Time.

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