NEWS BRIEF

Packaged Salad Greens Recalled Due to Salmonella

BrightFarms issued a <u>voluntary recall expansion</u> of its packaged salad greens due to a potential salmonella contamination. At least 11 people ate or bought the packaged salad greens before getting sick.

The recall impacts the following products produced in the company's Rochelle, Illinois, greenhouse farm:

- BrightFarms 50/50 Spring & Spinach
- BrightFarms Butter Crisp
- BrightFarms Harvest Crunch
- BrightFarms Lakeside Crunch
- BrightFarms Mighty Romaine
- BrightFarms Nutrigreens
- BrightFarms Spring Crunch
- BrightFarms Spring Mix
- BrightFarms Sunny Crunch
- BrightFarms Baby Spinach

The salad products are packaged in clear, plastic clamshells with expired best by dates. Package sizes range from 3 to 8 ounces. The affected products were sold in five states, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. Review the full list of impacted retailers here.

What Is Salmonella?

Salmonella is a bacteria that causes intestinal illness. Children younger than 5 years of age, adults ages 65 and older, and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to have a severe infection.

The most common symptoms are diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. It's likely to be a salmonella infection if symptoms begin six hours to six days after

suspected ingestion—and if those symptoms last four to seven days.

Most people recover without treatment, but the infection may be severe for some and spread from the intestines to the bloodstream. Regardless, it's important to seek medical attention for a possible salmonella infection.

What's Next?

Check your refrigerator for recalled salad greens. Anyone who bought affected food should throw it away, even if some were eaten and no one has gotten sick. Consumers may also return the product where the product was purchased for a full refund.

For further protection, use hot and soapy water to thoroughly wash surfaces and containers that may have come into contact with the affected product.

If you exhibit symptoms of a salmonella infection, contact your doctor.



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