



To: Emergency Medical Alert Network (EMAN) Participants
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Salmonella Tennessee Associated with Peanut Butter Consumption

A nationwide outbreak of *Salmonella* Tennessee infections has been associated with consuming Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter. As of February 15 at 3:00 pm EST, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports 290 outbreak-associated cases identified from 39 states, including one case from California. Community Epidemiology is currently investigating a case that matches the outbreak pattern; however exposure to peanut butter has not yet been established. Symptom onset dates for outbreak-associated cases range from August 1, 2006 to January 30, 2007. Approximately 25% of cases for whom clinical information is available have been hospitalized. There have been no reports of deaths attributed to this outbreak.

The affected jars have a product code on the lid that begins with the number "2111". If patients report illness compatible with *Salmonella* infection, and they also report consuming the affected peanut butter within 12 to 72 hours of symptom onset, please do the following:

- 1) report the suspect case to Community Epidemiology (see below)
- 2) order stool testing for *Salmonella*
- 3) instruct the patient to save (but not consume) the peanut butter for possible testing

Persons who have not become ill within 12 to 72 hours of consuming the suspect peanut butter should simply discard the jar.

Common symptoms of *Salmonella* infection include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramping, usually lasting 4 to 7 days. For more information and updates related to this outbreak, please visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Thank you for your continued participation.

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