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## **COUNTY INVESTIGATES IN WAKE OF NATIONWIDE SALMONELLA OUTBREAK *One Case Identified in Local Investigation; Public Health Services Continues Surveillance***

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Public Health Services continues surveillance in the wake of a nationwide announcement of a recall of two different brands of peanut butter in 39 states, due to an association of illness with salmonella after consuming the product.

The public is urged to check to see if they have Peter Pan or Great Value brand peanut butter with the product code "2111" on the lid.

"Anyone who has recently eaten these peanut butter brands and is experiencing any symptoms for salmonella should consult a physician immediately," said Wilma Wooten, M.D., Interim County Public Health Officer. "Salmonella can cause diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection, and the illness usually lasts four to seven days."

Most people recover without treatment, Dr. Wooten said. However, in some persons the diarrhea may be so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. The elderly, infants, and those with impaired immune systems are most likely to have a severe illness.

As of Thursday, February 15 at 3 PM, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified 290 patients from 39 states. Forty-four patients have been hospitalized and there have been no reported deaths. Since this CDC update, San Diego County has reported one lab-confirmed case, a 95-year-old woman.

The County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is following up with local markets and stores on the recall.

"We are working with markets and the State Department of Health Services to ensure that the product is removed from shelves," said Gary Erbeck, Director, DEH. For more information on salmonella, please call HHSA Community Epidemiology at (619) 515-6620. Consumers can also visit the FDA website at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for the latest information on the product recall.

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