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Vermont Reports 10 Cases of Salmonella Traced to Recalled Ground Beef

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BURLINGTON – The Vermont Department of Health is warning Vermonters to heed the recall of Cargill Meat Solutions fresh ground beef products sold in Hannaford grocery stores statewide. These products have been linked to a multi-state outbreak of Salmonella Enteritidis, including 10 cases in Vermont.

Cargill recalled nearly 30,000 pounds of ground beef dating back to May 25, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). A total of 33 cases of Salmonella were reported in the six New England states and Virginia.

Between June 6 and June 26, a total of 10 Vermonters from five counties became sick (Franklin, Rutland, Windham, Chittenden, and Addison). Three were hospitalized. All have recovered.

Health Department epidemiologists and the public health laboratory reported the earliest cases associated with the outbreak, and worked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, FSIS and the other states to trace the source of contamination.

Anyone who has ground beef subject to the recall in their refrigerator or freezer should throw it out.

Symptoms of foodborne illness caused by Salmonella include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Salmonella can invade the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections for people with weakened immune systems or other underlying health conditions.

Avoid getting food poisoning with safe food handling practices, and cook beef thoroughly (to a safe internal temperature of 160 degrees before eating). For more information on food safety visit:

http://healthvermont.gov/enviro/food_lodge/food_safety.aspx

Anyone with questions about the recall can call the Cargill Ground Beef Recall Information Center at (888) 812-1646. For more information on the recall visit: www.fsis.usda.gov/

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