

# RECALL INFORMATION

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Each year the U.S. Food and Drug Administration alerts consumers about hundreds of recalled products. Some recalls are voluntary by the manufacturer. Other recalls are the result of illness connected with the product.

Recalled products may include (but are not limited to):

- Foods contaminated with bacteria or toxins, such as salmonella or botulism.
- Foods containing non specified ingredients which may cause allergies in some individuals.
- Medications that may increase health risks or may have been connected with a reported death.

From January 2007 through June 2007, there were 89 food products recalled. Included in the recall was peanut butter. This peanut butter was linked to an outbreak of salmonella. This outbreak included 39 states and was responsible for 290 ill persons: of which 46 required hospitalization. No deaths were linked to this outbreak.

Food recalls are the result of patients reporting their symptoms to their health care provider or local health department. Investigating patient complaints provides valuable information in connecting illness with certain food products.

Patients who are symptomatic and have questions regarding food recalls may contact the Columbus Public Health Foodborne Illness line at **645-1791**. ER physicians may report concerns to Columbus Public Health at 645-1791 or after hours at 645-7417.

For general and all recalled products info patients may contact the FDA by phone at their Consumer Inquiries line **1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332)** or their website [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

Physicians can be alerted to recalls by e-mail. They need to register at [FDA's recalls e-list](#).

## UPDATE

The number of mosquito pools positive for West Nile Virus within Franklin County and Columbus City jurisdictions has increased significantly in the last few weeks. The increased number of positive pools indicates a greater infection rate in the mosquitoes and can lead to a greater risk of WNV in the human population.

Please be aware that any patient presenting with symptoms of encephalitis or meningitis during mosquito season could potentially be infected with WNL. To date, there are no reported cases of human WNV in Columbus or Franklin County.

Doctors should consider collecting serum and/or CSF and testing for IgM and IgG antibodies to WNV for anyone presenting with symptoms of meningitis or encephalitis. ODH offers free WNV & LAC for hospitalized patients with these diagnoses. Please contact Columbus Public Health at 645-1474 for further information on testing.

### Disease Incidence

Cases reported in Columbus & Franklin County  
August 2007

PERTUSSIS: 24  
MUMPS: 0  
SALMONELLA: 1  
HEPATITIS A: 1

RUBELLA: 0  
MEASLES: 0  
SHIGELLA: 1  
WEST NILE VIRUS: 0

Numbers may change slightly after case investigations or due to late reporting.

Report Disease with Ease - 24 hours a day  
719-8888 ( phone) 719-8890 (fax) [cdrs@co.franklin.oh.us](mailto:cdrs@co.franklin.oh.us) (e-mail)

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