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# *Listeria Outbreak Linked to Peaches, Nectarines, and Plums*



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### Fast Facts

- Illnesses: 11
- Hospitalizations: 10
- Deaths: 1
- [States](#): 7
- Recall: Yes
- Investigation status: Active (first posted on November 20, 2023)



One of the recalled bagged peaches



One of the recalled bagged nectarines



One of the recalled bagged plums



Recalled individual peaches

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## Recalled Food

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### Whole peaches, nectarines, and plums distributed by HMC Farms

- Sold in stores nationwide between May 1 and November 15 in 2022 and 2023
- Sold in bags branded:
  - "HMC Farms"
  - "Signature Farms" with a "6359" sticker
- Also sold as individual fruit with a sticker that has "USA-E-U" and a number
  - Yellow peach: 4044 or 4038
  - White peach: 4401
  - Yellow nectarine: 4036 or 4378
  - White nectarine: 3035
  - Red plum: 4042
  - Black plum: 4040
- Conventional fruit (not organic)
- See [recall notice](#) for product images

Investigators are working to determine if any additional fruit or products made with this fruit may be contaminated.

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## What You Should Do

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- **Do not eat any recalled peaches, nectarines, and plums.**
  - Check your home, including your refrigerator and freezer, for any recalled fruit.
  - If you think you have any, throw them away or return them to the store.
- **Clean** your refrigerator, containers, and surfaces that may have touched the recalled fruit.

- *Listeria* can survive in the refrigerator and can easily spread to other foods and surfaces.
- Call a healthcare provider right away if you have these symptoms after eating recalled fruit:
  - Pregnant people usually have fever, muscle aches, and tiredness.
  - People who are not pregnant usually have fever, muscle aches, and tiredness. They may also get a headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, or seizures.

## What Businesses Should Do

- Do not sell or serve recalled fruit or food made with recalled fruit.
- Follow [FDA's safe handling and cleaning advice](#) if you sold or served recalled fruit.

## *Listeria* Symptoms

- *Listeria* is especially harmful to people who are pregnant, aged 65 or older, or with weakened immune systems. This is because *Listeria* is more likely to spread beyond their gut to other parts of their body, resulting in a severe condition known as invasive listeriosis.
  - For people who are pregnant, *Listeria* can cause pregnancy loss, premature birth, or a life-threatening infection in their newborn.
  - For people who are 65 years or older or who have a weakened immune system, *Listeria* often results in hospitalization and sometimes death.
- Symptoms usually start within 2 weeks after eating food contaminated with *Listeria*, but may start as early as the same day or as late as 10 weeks after.
  - Pregnant people usually have fever, muscle aches, and tiredness.
  - People who are not pregnant usually have fever, muscle aches, and tiredness. They may also get a headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, or seizures.
- For more information about *Listeria*, see the [Listeria Questions and Answers page](#).



Investigation Details



Map



Timeline

## See Also

- [FDA: HMC Farms Recalls Whole Peaches, Plums, and Nectarines](#)