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Salmonella

Multistate Outbreak of *Salmonella* Enteritidis Infections Linked to Ground Beef

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At a Glance:

- **Case Count: 40** (</salmonella/enteritidis-07-12/epi.html>)
- **States: 8** (</salmonella/enteritidis-07-12/map.html>)
- **Deaths: 0**
- **Hospitalizations: 11**
- **Recall: Yes** (</salmonella/enteritidis-07-12/advice-consumers.html>)

More Information:

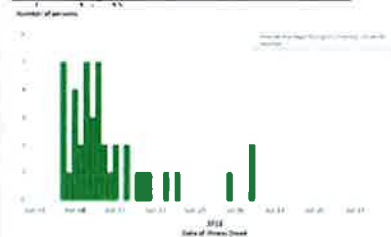
- [Recall & Advice to Consumers \(/salmonella/enteritidis-07-12/advice-consumers.html\)](/salmonella/enteritidis-07-12/advice-consumers.html)
- [Key Resources \(/salmonella/enteritidis-07-12/key-resources.html\)](/salmonella/enteritidis-07-12/key-resources.html)

Latest Case Count Map



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Highlights

- **Read the Advice to Consumers »** (</salmonella/enteritidis-07-12/advice-consumers.html>)
- A total of 40 persons infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Enteritidis have been reported from 8 states.

- The number of ill persons identified in each state is as follows: Maine (1), Massachusetts (3), New Hampshire (2), New York (18), Rhode Island (2), Vermont (11), Virginia (2), and West Virginia (1).
- Eleven ill persons have been hospitalized, and no deaths have been reported.
- Collaborative investigation efforts of state, local, and federal public health and regulatory agencies indicate that ground beef produced by Cargill Meat Solutions at a single production facility is the likely source of this outbreak.
- On July 22, 2012, Cargill Meat Solutions recalled 29,339 pounds of fresh ground beef products. (http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_045_2012_Release/index.asp) [↗](http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html) (<http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html>)
- Consumers should check their refrigerators and freezers for recalled products (http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_045_2012_Release/index.asp) [↗](http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html) (<http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html>) and not eat them; retailers and food service operators should not serve them.
- Results of antibiotic susceptibility testing indicate that this strain of *Salmonella* is susceptible to commonly prescribed antibiotics.
- CDC and state and local public health partners are continuing laboratory surveillance through PulseNet ([/pulsenet/](http://pulsenet/)) to identify additional ill persons.

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Case Count Update

A total of 40 individuals infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Enteritidis have been reported from 8 states. The 7 new cases are from 4 states: New York (4), Rhode Island (1), Vermont (1), and West Virginia (1).

Among 40 persons for whom information is available, illness onset dates range from June 6, 2012 to July 9, 2012. Ill persons range in age from 3 years to 101 years, with a median age of 50 years; 53% are female. Among 33 persons with available information, 11 (33%) reported being hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

Illnesses that occurred after July 10, 2012 might not yet be reported due to the time it takes between when a person becomes ill and when the illness is reported.

Initial Announcement

July 23, 2012

CDC is collaborating with public health officials in many states and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) to investigate a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* Enteritidis infections. Public health investigators are using DNA "fingerprints" of *Salmonella* bacteria obtained through diagnostic testing with pulsed-field gel electrophoresis, or PFGE, to identify cases of illness that may be part of this outbreak. They are using data from [PulseNet](http://www.cdc.gov/pulsenet/) (<http://www.cdc.gov/pulsenet/>), the national subtyping network made up of state and local public health laboratories and federal food regulatory laboratories that performs molecular surveillance of foodborne infections... ([show more](#)) (#)

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