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Dept. of Health Announces Jif Peanut Butter Recall After FDA, CDC Link Salmonella Infection Outbreak to Product

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Jif Recalled Peanut Butter product. By. THE V.I. DEPT. OF HEALTH

The V.I. Department of Health has advised the public and businesses to check the lot numbers of the J. M. Smucker Co. Voluntary Recall of Select Jif® Products for potential Salmonella contamination. The recalled peanut butter was distributed nationwide in retail stores and other outlets, D.O.H. said.

The FDA, CDC and other partners have investigated the multistate outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to some Jif peanut butter products manufactured in the J.M. Smucker facility in Lexington, Kentucky. The results from the studies done by these agencies indicate that Jif brand

peanut butter produced in the J.M. Smucker Company facility located in Lexington, KY, is the likely cause of illnesses in this outbreak.

If consumers have products with lot codes 1274425 – 2140425 in their possession, they should dispose of it immediately. Lot codes are included alongside best-if-used-by date.

FDA recommends that if you have used the recalled Jif brand peanut butter that have lot code numbers 1274425 through 2140425 and the first seven digits end with 425, you should wash and sanitize surfaces and utensils that could have touched the peanut butter. If you or someone in your household ate this peanut butter and have symptoms of salmonellosis (see below), contact your healthcare provider.

Salmonellosis symptoms generally develop 12 to 72 hours after infection and last four to seven days, according to D.O.H. While most people recover without treatment many develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps. More severe cases develop a high fever, aches, headaches, lethargy, a rash, blood in the urine or stool, and some cases may become fatal.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that approximately 450 persons in the United States die each year from acute salmonellosis. Children younger than five, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to have severe salmonellosis infections. Currently there are a total of 14 cases identified in various states with two people hospitalized. No deaths have been reported, D.O.H. said.

Recall information from the FDA advises that consumers, restaurants, and retailers should not eat, sell, or serve any recalled Jif brand peanut butter that have lot code numbers 1274425 through 2140425, only if the first seven digits end with 425 (see photo example and Product List with UPC Codes below). This product has a two-year shelf life, so consumers are advised to check any Jif peanut butter in their home.

Anyone, including those who participate in FNS programs who have questions about reimbursement for their recalled product or who would like to report adverse reactions, should visit this [Jif webpage](#) or call 800-828-9980 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

To report a complaint or adverse event (illness or serious allergic reaction), call an FDA consumer complaint coordinator if you wish to speak directly to a person about your problem or complete an electronic voluntary MedWatch form online.