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Listeria Recalls Require Public Awareness

A recent recall from Blue Bell Ice Cream has been expanded to variety of products after initial reports of an outbreak of Listeria in Kansas. Blue Bell did so after 5 people sought care following a facility in Texas testing positive for Listeria. These people had consumed milkshakes containing a product called “Scoops” which are pre-wrapped ice cream scoops. Three of these people died.

The new recall includes three 3 oz. institutional/food service ice cream cups- chocolate, strawberry and vanilla with tab lids from their Broken Arrow, Oklahoma facility because they have the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes.

The ice cream cups listed below were distributed in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wyoming via food service accounts.

Ice Cream Cup Chocolate (3 FL OZ) No UPC - SKU #453
Ice Cream Cup Strawberry (3 FL OZ) No UPC - SKU #452
Ice Cream Cup Vanilla (3 FL OZ) No UPC - SKU #451

There have been no reported illnesses to date.

Listeriosis is a rare but serious illness caused by eating food contaminated with the bacteria called Listeria monocytogenes. Anyone who experiences fever and muscle aches, sometimes preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms, or develops fever and chills after eating the ice cream should seek medical care and tell their health care provider about any history of eating the ice cream.

The Oklahoma City-County Health Epidemiologists stress with Listeria, the main concern is for children, elderly and immunocompromised people who are more likely to experience illness and pregnant women who may experience miscarriage or stillbirths due to infection. Most infected people have mild or no symptoms with the incubation period begin quite long compared to other foodborne illnesses.

Consumers who have purchased these items are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. For more information consumers with questions may call 979-836-7977, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST.

Any further questions please feel free to contact us OCCHD. 405-417-1634

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