

News Release

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National recall of hot dogs and franks affects Clark County

(April 26, 2002) – The Clark County Health District has received notice of a nation-wide recall of hot dogs and franks due to possible contamination with listeria. Environmental health specialists have contacted local retail stores that may carry the recalled products.

Listeria may be found in raw foods, such as meats and vegetables, and in processed foods that become contaminated after processing, such as soft cheeses and cold cuts. Eating contaminated food can cause listeriosis, a serious bacterial infection.

A pregnant woman can pass the infection along to her unborn child. The infection may lead to infants being stillborn, born with septicemia, or the development of meningitis very early in life. Adults with healthy immune systems generally do not exhibit symptoms. When symptoms do occur they usually include a fever, muscle aches, and sometimes diarrhea or nausea. If the infection spreads to the nervous system, symptoms such as headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance or convulsions may occur.

Recalled products include:

- 12-ounce packages of "FMV Serve 'N Save HOT DOGS MADE WITH CHICKEN AND PORK" marked with a date code of "Sell by May 14,"
- 12-ounce packages of "Rath Black Hawk HOT DOGS MADE WITH CHICKEN AND PORK" marked with a date code of "Sell by May 14,"
- 12-ounce packages of "PEYTON'S FRANKS MADE WITH CHICKEN AND PORK" marked with a date code of "Sell by Jun 13," and
- 12-ounce packages of "Rodeo Franks MADE WITH CHICKEN AND PORK" marked with a date code of "Sell by Jun 13."

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The following products subject to recall bear "EST. 296" inside the USDA mark of inspection:

- 16-ounce packages of "TOPS Franks BUN LENGTH" marked with a date code of "Sell by May 14,"
- 16-ounce packages of "Wilson Farms BUN LENGTH Franks" marked with a date code of "Sell by May 14," and
- 10-pound boxes, each containing two 5-pound unmarked plastic bags, of "JOHN MORRELL FOODSERVICE BLACK LABEL GOURMET BEEF FRANKS" marked with a date code of "064."
- Additionally, 16-ounce packages of "JOHN MORRELL BUN LENGTH Franks MADE WITH CHICKEN AND PORK," bearing "P-2564" inside the USDA mark of inspection and marked with a date code of "Sell by May 14," were distributed to retail establishments nationwide and to military commissaries

For more information consumers may call the Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555, 202-720-3333 or 1-800-256-7072 (TTY).

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