

New E. coli sicknesses declining

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Two men dressed up as nuns pass a table with vegetables prepared for a cucumber and tomato eating contest in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany, Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Kati Brunne, not in photo, won the contest which was organized by the German Vegetarian Association. (AP Photo/Michael Sohn)

(AP) -- Germany's national disease control center says the number of new cases of E. coli illness being reported has slowed to a trickle.

The Robert Koch Institute said Tuesday that a total of 3,235 people in Germany have been reported ill, only seven more than the previous day.

A total of 36 people - 35 in Germany and one in Sweden - have died in what has been the deadliest [outbreak](#) of E. coli ever.

German authorities have narrowed the source of the outbreak to vegetable sprouts from a farm in the north of the country.

They are warning consumers against eating any vegetable sprouts until they determine whether the farm received tainted [seeds](#) - meaning other farms could also be affected - or whether the cause was a hygienic problem at the farm itself.

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