

# Meningitis outbreak toll: 404 cases, 29 deaths

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An outbreak of fungal meningitis has been linked to steroid shots for back pain. The medication, made by a specialty pharmacy in Massachusetts, has been recalled.

Latest numbers from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#):

Illnesses: 404, including nine joint infections.

Deaths: 29.

States: 19; Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

**More information:** CDC:

[www.cdc.gov/HAI/outbreaks/meningitis.html](http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/outbreaks/meningitis.html)

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