

CDC: Salmonella-tainted melon outbreak appears to be over

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(HealthDay)—A Salmonella outbreak linked to melons and fruit salad



mixes appears to be over, say officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As of July 24, 2018, 77 people have been sickened across nine states after eating fruit salad mixes that included pre-cut watermelon, honeydew <u>melon</u>, cantaloupe, and cut fruit medley products from the Caito Foods facility in Indianapolis, the CDC said in its latest update. The company has recalled the products.

Of the 70 patients with available information who became ill between April 30 and July 2, 36 have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported. Illnesses have been reported in Arkansas (1), Florida (1), Illinois (7), Indiana (14), Kentucky (1), Michigan (39), Missouri (11), Ohio (2), and Tennessee (1).

Epidemiologic and traceback evidence indicated that pre-cut melon supplied by Caito Foods was the likely source of this multistate *Salmonella* outbreak.

More information: <u>FDA Outbreak Update</u> <u>CDC Final Update</u>

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