

Second woman dies in Spain listeria outbreak

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A woman died Tuesday after eating tainted meat in Spain, the second fatality in a listeria outbreak that has seen more than 200 people infected with the potentially fatal food-borne bacteria, authorities said.

The government of the southern region of Andalusia said in a statement a 74-year-old patient died in hospital in Seville just over a week after a 90-year-old woman also passed away.

Listeria is a common bacteria and most people who consume tainted foods do not become ill.

But for [elderly people](#), [pregnant women](#) or those with serious conditions like diabetes or cancer, it poses a serious threat.

The regional government said a total of 196 people in Andalusia are confirmed to have been infected.

It warned earlier this month that a product of pork stuffed with garlic and other condiments and sold under the commercial name "la Mecha", was the source of the [listeria outbreak](#).

The delicacy is made by Seville-based company Magrudis. Its factory has since been closed and all of its meat recalled from shops.

Spain's [health ministry](#) said the outbreak has spread to other regions, with seven confirmed cases outside Andalusia.

A British citizen was infected and diagnosed in France after eating stuffed meat in Seville, it added.

A [woman](#) has lost her baby due to the bacteria.

Listeriosis begins with flu-like symptoms including chills, fever and muscle aches. It can take up to six weeks after consuming contaminated foods for symptoms to occur.

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