

March 29, 2018

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals - Emergency Rooms / Infection Control / Occupational Health, Walk-In Clinics

RE: LISTERIA OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION

Three confirmed Listeria cases have been linked to consumption of sandwiches at the *Druxy's Famous Deli* located in Princess Margaret Cancer Centre at 610 University Ave in Toronto. Onset dates for cases range from January 14 to March 14, 2018. Individuals who consumed deli meat from this location between January 1 and March 12, 2018 could still be incubating Listeria.

As a result of this outbreak, Erie Meat Products Ltd. is recalling Druxy's Fresh Deli Revolution brand Seasoned Cooked Roast Beef from the marketplace due to possible Listeria contamination. Consumers should not consume the recalled product. This recall was triggered by findings by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) during its investigation into the foodborne illness outbreak. Corrective actions with regard to food safety have been undertaken and the CFIA is conducting a food safety investigation, which may lead to the recall of other products. If other high-risk products are recalled, the CFIA will notify the public through updated Food Recall Warnings.

Clinical Information

- Detailed information regarding the signs and symptoms of Listeria is available on the Public Health Ontario and the Public Health Agency of Canada website, found here:
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/BrowseByTopic/InfectiousDiseases/Pages/IDLandingPages/Listeriosis.aspx>
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/listeriosis.html>

Testing Information

- **Prompt diagnosis using two sets of blood cultures is recommended for those who consumed food from the *Druxy's* in the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre from January 1 to March 12, 2018 and present with symptoms of invasive listeria or gastroenteritis and fever.**
- Testing of asymptomatic individuals who consumed deli meats from any *Druxy's* location is **not** recommended. These individuals should be advised to promptly return for care if symptoms develop within 70 days of their last exposure. Testing of those who had symptoms that have now fully resolved is also **not** recommended, although they should be advised to return for care if symptoms develop within 70 days of their last exposure.
- More detailed information regarding Listeria testing is available in the Public Health Ontario Lababstract found here:
http://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/LAB_SD_043_Listeria_monocytogenes_specimen_collection.pdf

If you have any questions please contact a nurse in the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Department at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1205.

NOTE: For easier access to the above web links, visit the Health Unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca) for electronic copies of all current – and previous – editions of *FAX Facts*. Go to the 'Resources & Forms' header at the top of the web page, and use the drop-down menu to click on the 'Health Care Professionals' section (a link to FAX Facts is posted there). A direct link is also provided below: www.hkpr.on.ca/ResourcesForms/HealthCareProfessionals/FAXFacts.aspx

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