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Firm recalls celery products because of possible health risk

Taylor Farms Pacific, Inc. of Tracy, CA, is recalling its celery products because they may include celery which could potentially contain *E. coli* 0157:H7. The products are being recalled out of an abundance of caution due to a Celery and Onion Diced Blend testing positive for *E. coli* 0157:H7 in a sample taken by the Montana Department of Health. The Celery and Onion Diced Blend tested by the state of Montana was used in a Costco Rotisserie Chicken Salad that has been linked to a multi-state *E. coli* 0157:H7 outbreak.

In Illinois, the celery products were distributed Costco stores only, and there have been no reported illnesses related to this recall in Illinois.

Escherichia coli O157:H7 is a bacterium that causes a diarrheal illness often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death.

This recall is being conducted in coordination with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Customers who have any recalled products are urged to discard the affected products.

Consumers may call 209-830-3141 for any further information Monday to Friday, exclusive of holidays, between the hours of 8am-5pm (PST). Consumers with concerns about an illness from consumption of any of the recalled products should contact a health care provider.

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