



Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

BRIGHT FROM THE START

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Greetings CACFP Sponsors & Institutions,

The FDA has announced that the Quaker Oats Company has recalled specific granola bars and granola cereals listed below because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The recalled Quaker Oats Company products are listed [here](#). These items are sold throughout the 50 United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and Saipan. Consumers should check their pantries for any of the products and dispose of them.

Additionally, consumers with any of these products can contact Quaker Consumer Relations (9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST, Mon.-Fri.) at 1-800-492-9322 or visit [here](#) for additional information or product reimbursement.

To date, Quaker Oats Company has received no confirmed reports of illness related to the products covered by this recall.

This recall only applies to the specific products on the [list](#). No other Quaker Oats Company products are impacted.

You can view the FDA announcement [here](#).

Symptoms of Salmonella:

- Most people infected with Salmonella experience diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps.
- Symptoms usually start six hours to six days after swallowing the bacteria.
- Most people recover without treatment after four to seven days.
- Some people—especially children younger than five years, adults 65 years and older, and people with weakened immune systems—may experience more severe illnesses that require medical treatment or hospitalization.

For more information about Salmonella, see the Salmonella Questions and

Answers page [here](#).

Note: As advised in DECAL memoranda [Grain Requirements in the CACFP; Questions and Answers](#) and [Grain-Based Desserts in the Child and Adult Care Food Program the CACFP](#), granola bars are grain-based desserts and do not meet CACFP grain component requirements.

In addition, operators should be aware that breakfast cereals served to infants, children and adults must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce.

Regards,

Nutrition Services

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