



Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

BRIGHT FROM THE START

December 15, 2023

Greetings CACFP Sponsors & Institutions,

The FDA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. state and local partners, in collaboration with Canada, are investigating an outbreak of Salmonella Sundsvall infections linked to whole cantaloupes.

FDA's investigation is ongoing but has identified Sofia Produce, LLC dba TruFresh of Nogales, AZ; Crown Jewels Produce of Fresno, CA; and Pacific Trellis Fruit dba Dulcinea of Fresno, CA as suppliers of the potentially contaminated "Malichita" or "Rudy" brand cantaloupes.

The FDA Recall Announcement can be found [here](#).

The list below includes recalls that were issued between November 14 through December 5, 2023, by companies that further processed the cantaloupes by using them as ingredients in new products or by repackaging them.

12/05/2023

No Brand

Fresh-cut fruit cup, clamshell and tray products
TGD Cuts, LLC

11/29/2023

Sprouts, Trader Joe's

Fruit cups and trays containing cantaloupe
GHGA, LLC

11/28/2023

Kwik Trip

Fruit cups and trays containing cantaloupe
Kwik Trip

11/28/2023

Created Fresh!, Jack & Olive

Fruit cups containing cantaloupe
Bix Produce

11/22/2023

Rac Trac, Freshness Guaranteed

Fresh cut fruit products

11/14/2023

Vinyard

Cantaloupe Chunks and Cubes and Fruit Mixes and Medleys Containing
Cantaloupe

Vinyard Fruit and Vegetable Company

Additional companies have issued public notifications for cantaloupes and other products linked to the Sofia Produce LLC dba TruFresh recall that were sold at retail locations.

- **ALDI** cantaloupe, cut cantaloupe, and pineapple spears in clamshell packaging with Best-by dates between October 27 and October 31
- **Stop and Shop** Recalls Trufresh Cantaloupe at 183 Store Locations

The CDC's **Food Safety Alert** advises that this outbreak is of a concern as the illnesses are severe and people in long-term care facilities and childcare centers have gotten sick. Below is additional guidance provided by the CDC:

Do not eat pre-cut cantaloupes if you don't know whether Malichita or Rudy brand cantaloupes were used.

- This includes cantaloupe chunks and fruit mixes with cantaloupes at restaurants and grocery stores.

Do not eat any recalled whole or pre-cut cantaloupe products.

- If you have any, throw them away or return them to the store.
- If the whole cantaloupe does not have a sticker, check with the store to make sure it is not a Malichita or Rudy brand cantaloupe.

Wash items and surfaces that may have touched the cantaloupe using hot soapy water or a dishwasher.

Call your healthcare provider if you have any of these severe *Salmonella* symptoms:

- Diarrhea and a fever higher than 102°F
- Diarrhea for more than 3 days that is not improving
- Bloody diarrhea
- So much vomiting that you cannot keep liquids down
- Signs of dehydration, such as:
 - Not peeing much
 - Dry mouth and throat
 - Feeling dizzy when standing up

What long-term care facilities, childcare centers, and hospitals should do:

- Adults 65 and older, children under 5 years, and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to get very sick from *Salmonella*. In this outbreak, 24 sick people resided in long-term care facilities and 23 children attended childcare centers before they got sick. CDC advises facilities that care for people at higher risk to not serve cantaloupes that may be contaminated:
 - Do not use any recalled whole or pre-cut cantaloupes.
 - Do not serve any cantaloupe that was supplied pre-cut if you don't know

whether Malichita or Rudy brand cantaloupes were used.

Symptoms of Salmonella:

- Most people infected with Salmonella experience diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps.
- Symptoms usually start 6 hours to 6 days after swallowing the bacteria.
- Most people recover without treatment after 4 to 7 days.
- Some people—especially children younger than 5 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, visit [here](#).

Regards,

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