



October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Dear Valued Customer(s),

**RE: *E. coli* Outbreak Linked to McDonald's Quarter Pounders**

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024, Regulatory agencies in multiple western states announced reports of a fast moving outbreak investigation of **E. coli O157:H7** infections that are related to the consumption of **McDonalds** quarter pounder sandwiches with the initial investigations pointing to the Slivered Onions & Beef Patties. The states identified showing the most illnesses are in Colorado and Nebraska. **We assure you that Freshpoint Pittsburgh/Paragon Foods is unaffected by this outbreak and we are actively monitoring this recall.**

Shiga toxin producing *E. coli* infections symptoms can include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (potentially and often bloody), fever and vomiting. Symptoms of infection usually begin three or four days after ingesting the bacteria. Treatment can help most people recover quickly but more serious symptoms can arise for individuals who are immunocompromised. **McDonalds** has currently removed slivered onions and quarter pounder beef patties from their menus in the following states: **Colorado, Kansas, Utah, Wyoming, and portions of Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.**

See the image below for the most recent update from the CDC:

FOOD SAFETY ALERT	FAST FACTS
Investigation start date: October 22, 2024	• Cases: 49
Investigation status: Open	• Hospitalizations: 10
Recall issued: No	• Deaths: 1
New as of 10/23: In the Contaminated Food Section, CDC added a list of states where McDonald's removed slivered onions and beef patties. States: Colorado, Kansas, Utah, Wyoming, and portions of Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, and Oklahoma	• States: 10

For any further inquiries regarding this outbreak, please refer to the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/outbreaks/>

Sincerely,

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