

PEANUT BUTTER LINKED TO 410 ILLNESSES IN 43 STATES

SALMONELLA
TYPHIMIRIUM
OUTBREAK LINKED TO
KING NUT BRAND
PEANUT BUTTER

THE HIGH FAT CONTENT
IN PEANUT BUTTER CAN
PROTECT BACTERIA
DURING PROCESSING



PEANUT BUTTER HAS BEEN LINKED TO OUTBREAKS BEFORE

- In 2007 over 425 people in the U.S. became ill with Salmonellosis linked to Peter Pan Peanut Butter. It was believed that a leaky roof was responsible for the contamination.
- In 1996 over 500 people in Australia were stricken with Salmonella from peanut butter. Machinery contaminated with mouse feces was found to be the source.

Federal officials believe that a Salmonella outbreak causing illness in 410 people in 43 states may be linked to peanut butter. On January 12, 2009 the Minnesota Department of Health reported that laboratory testing found Salmonella bacteria linked to the outbreak in a 5-pound container of King Nut brand creamy peanut butter. An epidemiological investigation has also implicated the brand as the likely source of illnesses in MN. About one in five victims have been hospitalized due to the illnesses.



CDC says that common brands of peanut butter sold in grocery stores do not appear to be associated with the outbreak. On January 10, 2009, King Nut Companies, a distributor of peanut butter manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America, issued a voluntary recall of peanut butter distributed under the King Nut label. In addition, King Nut Companies also issued a voluntary recall of Parnell's Pride peanut butter distributed by King Nut, which is produced by the same manufacturer. The recalled products have lot codes beginning with "8".

Persons who think they may have become ill from eating peanut butter should consult their health care providers. All the current illnesses began between Sept. 3, 2008 and Dec. 31, 2008.

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