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## **Third Dallas County case linked to listeria outbreak**

Dallas County Health and Human Services officials received notification today that a third case of listeria in Dallas County is linked to the multistate investigation of illness caused by contaminated cantaloupes from Jensen Farms in Colorado.

A 64-year-old Dallas County resident was sickened with listeriosis and was hospitalized. The patient has since recovered.

For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS will not provide additional identifying information related to the case.

The results from one other Dallas County listeria case are pending. DCHHS won't know until then if the pending case is linked to the outbreak.

Dallas County residents have been advised not to consume Rocky Ford cantaloupes shipped from Jensen Farms because they could have possibly been contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, a bacterium that can cause severe illness.

Shipments of these particular cantaloupes were made between July 29, 2011 and Sept. 10, 2011 and distributed to 17 states, including Texas. Dallas-area retailers received shipments within the last month, but they have since been recalled.

Any person who develops symptoms of gastrointestinal illness, accompanied by fever, who may have ingested cantaloupe from Jensen Farms should seek medical attention.

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