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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

Advisory	Recall of bagged baby carrots
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INCIDENT

- The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) today warned consumers not to eat certain brands of bagged baby carrots because these products may be contaminated with *Shigella*, which can cause serious illness. The Los Angeles Salad Company has voluntarily recalled the bagged baby carrots with sell by dates of August 16 and earlier. The products were shipped to Trader Joe's and Kroger/Ralph's stores.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTION

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Staff have contacted Trader Joe's retail stores to verify that the recalled product was pulled from shelves.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Division is warning consumers not to eat Trader Joe's Brand "Genuine Sweet Baby Carrots" or "Los Angeles Salad Company" brand baby carrots packaged in the 7-ounce plastic bags. Consumers should look for a sell by date of Aug. 16 or earlier on any of the recalled brand carrots they may still have in their homes. Consumers who purchased these products should immediately discard them or return them to the point of purchase for a refund.

INFORMATION

- Consumers, especially persons with weakened immune systems, young children and the elderly, are susceptible to serious infection when exposed to *Shigella*. Currently, there are no reports of illnesses associated with the recalled product in California. Four illnesses have been reported in Canada. Healthy individuals exposed to *Shigella* may develop diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps starting a day or two after exposure and symptoms can last from five to seven days. Consumers with any of these symptoms should call their physician. If you believe that you are ill as a result of consuming this product, please save any remaining portion, seal it carefully, refrigerate it and notify Environmental Health Services (831) 454-2022, so that we may further investigate.
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