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Food Safety	Recall of Certain Brands of Pot Pies
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INCIDENT

- Dr. Mark Horton, Director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), warned today that consumers should not eat certain frozen Banquet or generic store brand chicken and turkey pot pies because they may be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTION

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Staff has contacted retail stores that may have the product to verify that the recalled product was pulled from shelves.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Consumers should discard the pot pies prior to returning the packaging to their retail store for a refund. Consumers [can](#) also obtain a refund by sending the side panel of the package that contains the code "P-9" to ConAgra Foods, Dept. BQPP, P.O. Box 3768, Omaha, NE 68103-0768.
- Individuals who think they may have become ill from eating these products should contact their health care provider for evaluation.

INFORMATION

- Most individuals with *Salmonella* develop diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps six to seventy-two hours (12-36 hours average) after infection. The illness usually lasts four to seven days, and most individuals recover without treatment. However, in some individuals, the diarrhea may be so severe that hospitalization is required. The elderly, infants and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness.
- CDPH is investigating five cases of *Salmonella* in California possibly associated with consumption of this product in Orange, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Continued surveillance and testing is under way to identify any additional cases that may be associated with this product in California. The pot pies may be linked to 139 cases of *Salmonella* in 30 states.
- The pot pies are produced by ConAgra Foods, which has voluntarily stopped producing the pot pies. The [affected](#) pot pies have the number "P-9" on the side of the package as part of a code



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above the use-by date. The packages also have the number 5009 inside a small circle on the front of the package.

Additional Information

- Consumers with questions can contact ConAgra Foods at 1-866-484-8671 The Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Service at 831-454-2022.
- www.santacruzhealth.org/alerts for informational updates and other alerts