



# Public Health Mōno-Gram



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## Salmonella outbreak – January 20, 2009

### Addendum – January 21, 2009

**Two fundraisers (Junior Prom at Mammoth High School, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Mammoth Middle School) have been selling peanut butter containing products. So far, these products have not been specifically recalled. However, since the list is rapidly changing, the recommendation is to halt further sales immediately, and to postpone eating any product that has already been sold, until further information becomes available about whether that product may be affected.)**

**Dr. Johnson recommends: Do not eat peanut butter containing products!! However, major national brand name jars of peanut butter sold commercially in grocery stores have not been implicated.**

**Schools: I recommend removing all peanut products from school cafeterias and vending machines as a precaution.**

CDC, in collaboration with public health officials in California, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is investigating a multistate outbreak of human infections caused by Salmonella serotype Typhimurium. As of a few days ago, 474 persons infected with the outbreak strain of Salmonella Typhimurium have been reported from 43 states since September of 2008, with over 60 cases in California, and 5 in Nevada. There have not been any cases reported in the Eastern Sierra. Of persons for whom data



was available, 107 (23%) were hospitalized. Infection may have contributed to 6 deaths. The most serious illnesses occur among young children, the elderly, and people with impaired immune systems. However, all ages have been affected. In healthy people, salmonella infection typically causes fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting, and stomach cramps.

The investigation is ongoing, and exposures to peanut butter and other peanut butter-containing products are being examined. To date, **no association has been found with major national brand name jars of peanut butter sold in grocery stores.**

The California Department of Public Health warned today that consumers should not handle or consume **frozen Peanut Butter Cookie Dough** distributed by Sweet Success Fundraising, Inc. because of potential contamination with salmonella. Any dough that has been thawed or baked should be discarded. The frozen cookie dough was distributed to some schools in Southern California as part of a school fund raising activity, but not to any schools in the Eastern Sierra.

An investigation by the Minnesota State Health Department identified **King Nut creamy peanut butter** as a source of Salmonella infections among many ill persons there. The outbreak strain has been isolated from an opened 5-pound container of King Nut brand peanut butter in Minnesota. Salmonella has been isolated from unopened 5-pound containers of King Nut brand peanut butter in Connecticut and Georgia. Further tests are pending to determine if this Salmonella is the outbreak strain. This product is distributed to establishments such as long-term care facilities, prisons/detention centers, hospitals, schools, universities, and restaurants. It is not sold directly to consumers and is not known to be distributed for retail sale in grocery stores. King Nut is produced by Peanut Corporation of America in Blakely, Georgia. This facility is now recalling two products it makes: (1) peanut butter (made on or after August 8, 2008) and (2) peanut paste (made on or after September 26, 2008) at the Georgia facility. In many instances, the peanut butter and peanut paste is further distributed to manufacturers to be used as ingredients in many products, including cookies, crackers, cereal, candy and ice cream.

**The list of products that may be affected is still being determined and is incomplete at this time. However, a list of products known to be implicated at this point in the investigation can be found at:**

<http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyph.html#update>



## **Recommendations for consumers:**

- **Do not eat products that have been recalled and throw them away in a manner that prevents others from eating them**
- **Postpone eating other peanut butter containing products (such as cookies, crackers, cereal, candy and ice cream) until information becomes available about whether that product may be affected.**

## **For More Information**

More general information about Salmonella can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/>

If you have further questions, please call the Mono County Health Department at 760-924-1830 between 8 AM and 5 PM.

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## **List of Company Recalls – as of January 21, 2009 (a rapidly expanding list!!)**

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[Premier Nutrition Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of selected TWISTED and TITAN Branded Bars Containing Peanut Butter Due to Possible Health Risk](#) (January 20)

**New!**

[NutriSystem Announces Nationwide Voluntary Recall of Peanut Butter Granola Bar Due to Possible Peanut Corporation of America \(PCA\) Contamination and Potential Health Risk](#) (January 21) **New!**

[Ready Pac Foods, Inc Announces Voluntary Product Recall](#) (January 20) **New!**

[PetSmart Voluntarily Recalls Grrreat Choice® Dog Biscuits](#) (January 20) **New!**

[Nature's Path Recalls Peanut Butter Optimum Energy Bars Nationwide Because of Possible Health Risk](#) (January 20) **New!**

[Country Maid Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Classic Breaks® Peanut Butter Cookie Dough Due to Possible Health Risk](#) (January 20) **New!**

[Evening Rise Bread Co. Recalls Peanut Butter Cookies and Bars Because of Possible Health Risk](#) (January 19)

[Clif Bar & Company Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of CLIF® and LUNA® Branded Bars Containing Peanut Butter Due to Possible Health Risk](#) (January 19)

[Kroger Recalls Select Ice Cream Products Due to Possible Health Risk](#) (January 19)

[Abbott Nutrition Announces Voluntary Recall of ZonePerfect® Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars, ZonePerfect® Peanut Toffee Bars and NutriPals™ Peanut Butter Chocolate Bars in U.S., Mexico, New Zealand and Singapore](#) (January 19)

[Meijer Announces Voluntary Recall for Some Meijer Brand Peanut Butter Crackers and Ice Cream Because of Possible Health Risk](#) (January 19)

[Peanut Corporation of America Expands Nationwide Recall of Peanut Butter](#) (January 18)

[Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products Recalls Wal-Mart Bakery Brand Peanut Butter Cookies Because Of Possible Health Risk](#) (January 18)

[Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products Recalls Lofthouse Peanut Butter Cookies, Chuck's Chunky Peanut Butter Cookies And Pastries Plus Gourmet Cookies Nationwide Because Of Possible Health Risk](#) (January 18)

[Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products Recalls Food Lion Bake Shop Peanut Butter Cookies Nationwide Because Of Possible Health Risk](#) (January 18)



[South Bend Chocolate Company Recalls Various Candys Containing Peanut Butter Because of Possible Salmonella Contamination \(January 18\)](#)

[McKee Foods Corporation Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Little Debbie® Peanut Butter Toasty and Peanut Butter Cheese Sandwich Crackers Because of Possible Health Risk \(January 18\)](#)

[Perry's Ice Cream Company Announces Voluntary Recall of Select Peanut Butter Ice Cream Products Due to Possible Health Risk \(January 17\)](#)

[Hy-Vee Inc. Recalls Bakery Products With Peanut Butter Distributed in Seven States Due to Possible Health Risk \(January 17\)](#)

[Peanut Corporation of America Expands Nationwide Recall of Peanut Butter \(January 16\)](#)

[Kellogg Company Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Austin® and Keebler® Branded Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers and Select Snack-Size Packs of Famous Amos® And Keebler® Soft Batch Peanut Butter Cookies Because of Possible Health Risk \(January 16\)](#)

[Peanut Corporation of America Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Peanut Butter \(January 13\)](#)

[King Nut Issues Peanut Butter Recall \(January 10\)](#)

