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SUBJECT: UPDATE 1 Advisory on romaine lettuce

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The CDC and FDA continue to investigate the outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 infections linked to romaine lettuce. The outbreak has resulted in 43 cases in 12 states, with 16 hospitalizations to date. No deaths have been reported.

Current evidence indicates the affected romaine lettuce was harvested in the Central Coast growing regions of northern and central California. It is advised that consumers not eat and retailers and restaurants not serve or sell any romaine lettuce harvested from these areas of California. If you do not know where the romaine lettuce is from, do not sell, serve, or eat it.

Romaine lettuce harvested from locations outside of those regions do not appear to be related to the current outbreak. For example, romaine lettuce from the growing region near Yuma, Arizona, the California desert growing region near Imperial County and Riverside County, and the state of Florida do not appear to be related to the current outbreak. Additionally, there is no evidence hydroponically and greenhouse-grown romaine lettuce is related to the current outbreak.

This advice includes product such as whole heads, hearts, bags or boxes of precut lettuce or salad mixes that contain romaine, including baby romaine, spring mix, and Caesar salad.

Because a common grower, supplier, distributor or brand has not been identified, DLA Troop Support cannot direct product disposition or vendor credit.

Additional Information on this outbreak can be found on the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/2018/o157h7-11-18/index.html> and the FDA website <https://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm626330.htm>.

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