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Class I Oysters - Vibrio

At a Glance

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has initiated a shellfish closure and voluntary recall of oysters and clams harvested from the waters of Norwalk and Westport. Raw or undercooked shellfish have been implicated as the source of a number of illnesses related to the naturally occurring bacterium *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*.

The Issue

Symptoms of *V. parahaemolyticus* infection include diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, headache, fever, and chills. Symptoms usually appear 12 to 24 hours after eating contaminated shellfish, and can last two to seven days. *Vibrio* infections can be life-threatening for immune-compromised people or those with chronic liver disease. Also at greater risk are people who regularly take antacids, heart, or diabetes medication, and those who have had antibiotic or cancer treatments recently.

Are You Impacted?

US Foods' number one priority is to notify any customer impacted by a recall. Our distribution centers affected by this recall have already begun to contact affected customers. If you purchased a recalled product from us, you will be contacted shortly, or have already been contacted. If you purchased products elsewhere, use the information above to check with your supplier.

What You Can Do

- Avoid eating or serving any recalled products.
- Do not use any of these products as ingredients in recipes, even if cooked.
- Follow instructions to discard or return recalled product.
- Discard recalled products in a manner that prevents others from eating them.
- Persons who think they may have become ill with a food-borne illness should consult their health care providers.
- Review your own internal recall procedures; does your staff know what to do if they receive notice that a product is being recalled? Typically only specific lot codes are affected.
- Purchase all of your supplies from a company with a robust recall program that can keep you aware of recall and food safety issues.
- Help us serve you better. Provide your distribution center with a valid e-mail address so we may provide you with recall information faster.

US Foods Policy

This **Fast Facts** is based on the best available information when written. Recalls can be expanded or impact additional product as additional suppliers verify their own supply chains. An updated **Fast Facts** will be provided as new information becomes available. US Foods will only contact customers IF they purchased recalled products from us.
