

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE

Outbreaks of Salmonella infections linked to raw chicken, including frozen raw breaded chicken products

Why you should take note

The Public Health Agency of Canada is collaborating with provincial and territorial public health partners, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada to investigate outbreaks of Salmonella infections across Canada linked to raw chicken, including frozen raw breaded chicken products. On September 13, 2018, Canada's Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health issued a statement advising Canadians to follow proper food safety practices when handling, preparing or consuming frozen raw breaded chicken products such as chicken nuggets, chicken strips, chicken burgers, popcorn chicken and chicken fries. When not thoroughly cooked, frozen breaded chicken products containing raw chicken pose an increased health risk to individuals who handle, prepare or consume them. These products may appear to be pre-cooked or browned, but they should be handled and prepared with caution. Illnesses can be avoided by following cooking instructions carefully and verifying the internal temperature after cooking, as recommended, before consuming these products. Frozen raw breaded chicken products and raw chicken pieces must be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 74°C (165°F) to ensure that they are safe to eat. Whole chicken needs to be cooked to an internal temperature of 82°C (180°F).

Summary of investigations

In May 2017, Government of Canada scientists began using a new technology called "whole genome sequencing" to help identify and respond to outbreaks. Over the past year and a half, federal, provincial and territorial health and food safety partners have investigated 12 national outbreaks linked to raw chicken, including frozen raw breaded chicken products. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has issued food recall warnings for seven products linked to some of these outbreak investigations.

As of September 13, 2018, there have been 419 laboratory-confirmed cases of Salmonella illness investigated as part of the illness outbreaks across the country: British Columbia (36), Alberta (60), Saskatchewan (13), Manitoba (19), Ontario (146), Quebec (98), New Brunswick (23), Nova Scotia (9), Prince Edward Island (1), Newfoundland and Labrador (10), Northwest Territories (1), Yukon (1), and Nunavut (2). There have been 86 individuals hospitalized as part of these outbreaks. Three individuals have died; however, Salmonella was not the cause of death for two of those individuals, and it was not determined whether Salmonella contributed to the cause of death for the third individual. Infections have occurred in Canadians of all ages and genders.

All current and future Salmonella outbreak investigations linked to raw chicken, including frozen raw breaded chicken products, and related food recall warnings will be listed in the next section of the public health notice to remind Canadians of the ongoing risk associated with these types of food products.

Active investigations

Active national Salmonella outbreak investigations linked to raw chicken including frozen raw breaded chicken products, coordinated by the Public Health Agency of Canada: September 13, 2018 (update) – Salmonella Enteritidis [initial notice was July 21, 2018]

Currently, there are 39 cases of illness in seven provinces linked to this outbreak: British Columbia (1), Alberta (5), Manitoba (2), Ontario (18), Quebec (11), New Brunswick (1), and Nova Scotia (1). Eleven individuals have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported. Frozen raw breaded chicken products have been identified as the source of this outbreak.

Product recall on July 20, 2018

No Name brand Chicken Nuggets (907g), with a best before date of May 15, 2019, on the outer package and a lot code of 1358M on the inner package. UPC – 0 60383 89685 0. The product was distributed nationally.

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Currently, there are 25 cases of illness in eight provinces

linked to this outbreak: British Columbia (3), Alberta (8), Saskatchewan (4), Manitoba (1), Ontario (1), Quebec (4), New Brunswick (1) and Newfoundland and Labrador (3). Four individuals have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported. Frozen raw breaded chicken products have been identified as the source of this outbreak.

Product recall on July 21, 2018

Unbranded \$10 Chicken Fries (1.81 kg), with a best before date of March 23, 2019. UPC – 0 60249 01411 4. The product was distributed nationally.

Canadians are advised not to consume the recalled products, and retailers and restaurants are advised to not sell or serve the recalled products.

Information about previously investigated and currently closed national Salmonella out-

break investigations linked to raw chicken including frozen raw breaded chicken products, coordinated by the Public Health Agency of Canada since May 2017 is available at the end of this notice.

Who is most at risk

Anyone can become sick with a Salmonella infection, but infants, children, seniors and those with weakened immune systems are at higher risk of serious illness because their immune systems are more fragile.

Most people who become ill from a Salmonella infection will recover fully after a few days. It is possible for some people to be infected with the bacteria and to not get sick or show any symptoms, but to still be able to spread the infection to others.

If you suspect exposure see your family doctor.

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The Path Is Clear We Need Vision And Unity

They say that the impossible is the most possible... As it requires effort, courage and vision. Most surrender effort and are drawn to simplicity in the face of the unknown as perceived complex. Oshawa needs to change and adapt to the new age of governance. For to long we have kept a village mentality. We are a growing City with great potential. A city that has seen no change due to mismanagement. Past administrations have been politicized and failed to bring in new vibrant change.

2018 brings in a new dawn. Opportunity to move forward without TAX INCREASES. Without the RED TAPE. Without the usual BIASES that people have complained over time and time again. We have an opportunity for a better brighter tomorrow.

You may ask how are we to freeze tax increases without compromising service? Simple... re-organize our current corporate structure. Lean out administration and increase productivity. Allow staff to make the adequate decisions based on common sense not policy. Stop all wasteful expenditures. Freeze all hiring of consultants. Allow city staff to utilize expertise to make the right decisions when required. Trust your staff to exercise their expertise without fear of job loss.

Taxes only go up due to poor planning. Over budgeting and budget wasteful expenditure in order to increase the following request for budget. This practice will stop.

NO RED TAPE - We must streamline the bureaucracy at city hall. This means, when a developer needs a permit or a zoning issue comes up. The process will be expedited. NO more waiting.

For investors wanting to invest in our city. Will enjoy tailored special incentives that will facilitate the decision process of coming to Oshawa.

Citizens with concerns for the first time will have direct access to the mayors office. No restrictions. Your concerns and issues will be heard.

Committee as they stand will be reviewed and amalgamated where needed. No more 'FILE FOR INFORMATION' due to the fact that someone in a particular committee had a bias on an issue. Council is elected to lead. This is what we will do.

No more rushing citizens with time restrictions during council. It is a public meeting. Everyone will be dealt with dignity and respect. No one before council should be made to feel rushed or pressured.

CHANGE IS COMING.

NO BIAS - For the longest time both members of the public and industry have complained at the bias the city has shown towards entities during bids, tenders and contracts. Not to mention against it's own citizens.

Under the new Oshawa. The doors of city hall will be open to all. You have a concern. We the City want to hear from you. Personally I plan on making daily news briefs followed by one town hall meeting per month. My office will be always open unless in meeting to anyone that wanted to express their concern.

Special interest groups for the first time would have access to the system without the usual run around. No one would be left out and or made to feel left out.

We are a city of people and all people will make this city great.

BUDGETS: The days of setting budget and then have department heads rush to use up funds in order to request for more the following year. This practice will be gone. One of my priorities is to stop the waste. To stop the redundancy by departments. Funds allocated to budgets are not funds to be exhausted but instead to be utilize to maximize productivity. Something that is not practiced in today's administration.

Our vision is to streamline city operations. To unite the expertise that is within our corporation. To bring out citizens to harmony of the issues. Through this we will map out a solid plan that will include:

Expanding our post secondary institutions program line ups in order to cater to foreign students. Students that will invest into their education and Oshawa.

Put out for tender major projects within Oshawa. From hotels, entertainment facilities (like what is happening at the airport with the tanks), training facilities and the likes.

The creation of partnerships with investors/industry/trade/commerce. Partnerships that will yield great opportunity. More importantly jobs.

Jobs, jobs, jobs through innovative and creative initiatives and incentives.

Preservation of our City history and culture through a rigorous monument program including fountains and statues of famous Oshawa figures.

Some may read this and say... NO WAY NOT IN OSHAWA. I agree with you. As long as you keep voting the status quo. You are right.

Look at the exceptional work down by one visionary in Oshawa like Jeremy Neal Blowers, Executive Director "THE ONTARIO REGIMENT RCAC MUSEUM". He with the help of many volunteers bringing to life the museum inventory through 'TANK WEEKENDS'. Huge success. His efforts alone are a testament that new visionaries can make things happen. Congratulations Jeremy, keep up the exceptional good work.

You need to vote for real leadership. Leadership that has been proven and tested.

The vision can be real. Other municipalities have done it. Why not Oshawa?

THANK YOU
Joe Ingino