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Yukon affected by recall of Jane's frozen chicken product as potential cause of Salmonella

Yukon Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Catherine Elliott is advising Yukon residents to check their freezers for Jane's brand chicken products being investigated as the cause of a Salmonella outbreak.

Yukon Environmental Health Services has confirmed that several Yukon grocery stores have sold the frozen chicken product identified in a recent recall by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Individuals who purchased Jane's Pub Style Chicken Burgers- uncooked breaded chicken burgers with a best before date of May 12, 2018; and Jane's Pub Style Snacks Popcorn Chicken – uncooked breaded chicken cutlettes with a best before date of May 15, 2018 should throw it out or return to the store. The recalled products' UPC codes are 0 69299 12491 0 and 0 69299 12542 9.

Although the risk to Canadians is low, Dr. Elliott says that Yukon is currently investigating one suspected case related to the product.

Currently, there are 18 cases of Salmonella Enteritidis illness in six provinces: British Columbia (1), Alberta (1), Ontario (10), Quebec (2), New Brunswick (2), and Nova Scotia (2). Six people have been hospitalized.

Salmonella is commonly found in raw chicken and frozen raw breaded chicken products. Illnesses can be avoided if safe food handling, preparation and cooking practices are followed when preparing these types of food products.

This outbreak is a reminder that frozen raw breaded chicken products contain raw poultry and should be handled and prepared no differently from other raw poultry products. Follow cooking instructions carefully and verify the internal temperature after cooking, as recommended, before consuming these products. Frozen raw breaded chicken products must be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 74°C (165°F) to ensure they are safe to eat.

Learn more: Government of Canada Public Health Notice - Outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to frozen raw breaded chicken products

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