

**URGENT – CDC and Health Canada Public Health Alert Concerning E. coli O157:H7 Outbreak Linked to Romaine Lettuce (MUA)**  
**IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY**

<b>Public Health Food Safety Advisory</b>	CDC, FDA and Health Canada have released a Food Safety Alert for a E. coli O157:H7 Outbreak Linked to Romaine Lettuce
<b>Product</b>	ALL Romaine Lettuce Products or Products Containing Romaine Lettuce
<b>Action</b>	Food Safety Alert
<b>Reason for Action</b>	The CDC, FDA and Health Canada have been investigating a foodborne illness outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 that has been linked to Romaine Lettuce Products. The Public Health Agencies are advising consumers not to consume and restaurants/retailers not serve or sell any romaine lettuce, such as whole heads of romaine, hearts of romaine, and bags and boxes of pre-cut lettuce and salad mixes that contain romaine, including baby romaine, spring mix, and Caesar salad.
<b>Reportable</b>	NO
<b>Food Safety Concern</b>	YES

**The Affected Products Are:** All Romaine Lettuce Products (romaine lettuce, such as whole heads of romaine, hearts of romaine, and bags and boxes of pre-cut lettuce and salad mixes that contain romaine, including baby romaine, spring mix, and Caesar salad).

The affected products implicated in this action were shipped between October 29, 2018 to present, November 20, 2018.

**Affected Operating Companies:**

All United States Broadline and U.S FreshPoint Locations  
Any Canadian Broadline and Canadian FreshPoint Locations that distributed the affected products into Ontario and Quebec

**Please Take The Following Actions:**

1. Review the advisories issued by the Public Health Regulatory Agencies, and evaluate how to proceed.
2. BellTower will be utilized to communicate the respective Public Health Regulatory Agencies Food Safety Alerts to individual locations.

**Other Information:**

Below are the advisory warnings for the various regulatory agencies.

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/2018/o157h7-11-18/index.html>

FDA:

<https://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm626330.htm?sm=au=iNVQSsNSRp7C57SV>

Health Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/public-health-notices/2018/outbreak-ecoli-infections-linked-romaine-lettuce.html>

**NOTE: Receipt of this communication is NOT a confirmation that you have received affected product. This correspondence has been distributed as a courtesy to Sysco's corporate customers and QA teams as a notification of a recall/withdrawal/hold situation. If the unit locations received affected product, they will be contacted by the Sysco Operating Company that services them. If any one of your locations purchased this item(s), regardless of distributor, it is recommended that you check your inventory for affected product.**