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## **Salmonella Infections Associated with Peanut Butter**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning consumers not to eat certain jars of Peter Pan peanut butter or Great Value peanut butter due to risk of contamination with *Salmonella* Tennessee.

The affected jars of Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter have a product code located on the lid of the jar that begins with the number "2111." Both the Peter Pan and Great Value brands are manufactured in a single facility in Georgia by ConAgra. Great Value peanut butter made by other manufacturers is not affected. Asymptomatic individuals should discard the product, retain the lid, and call ConAgra at 1-866-344-6970 for reimbursement. Symptomatic individuals should retain the entire product and contact the FDA at 1-800-891-8295 for further instructions about testing of the peanut butter.

288 cases of foodborne illness in 39 states have been linked to consumption of varying types of Peter Pan peanut butter. One of these cases was from Maine. The outbreak appears to be ongoing; the first consumer may have become ill in August 2006. Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 is manufactured in the same plant as Peter Pan peanut butter and, thus, is believed to be at similar risk of contamination.

Individuals who have recently eaten Peter Pan and Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 and have experienced symptoms should contact their health care provider immediately. Providers are encouraged to obtain stool cultures for bacterial pathogens in persons with symptoms. Asymptomatic individuals do not need to be tested. Any confirmed illnesses should be reported to the state health department at 1-800-821-5821.