

To: Communicable Disease Nursing Staff, All Counties

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From: OHD Acute & Communicable Disease Program

Subject: Supplemental Questions for Salmonellosis Cases (Temporary)

We anticipate continuing to hear about sporadic cases of *Salmonella* Mbandaka caused by the recent Hydro Harvest brand sprout outbreak over the next few weeks. Generally, of course, you first hear about cases without knowing what the serotype is. Just in case they turn out to be Mbandakas, we would appreciate your asking the following sprout-related questions of all your new cases, UNLESS you already know that they are not Mbandaka (or not group C1, which includes Mbandaka).

Questionnaires can be faxed in with the case investigation forms. If you have questions, please contact Bill Keene (keene@ohsu.edu; 503/731-4024). Unless extended, we would like to get this supplement for cases reported through Friday, March 5, 1999. Also, please note that the current regular Salmonellosis (and *E. coli* O157) forms routinely ask about sprouts; check to make sure you have the current forms (1998 editions; look on the lower right corner of the back page for the date).

In the 5 days before you got sick, do you remember eating alfalfa sprouts or other kinds of sprouts? These could be sprouts you bought at a grocery store, sprouts on a salad in a restaurant, sprouts on a deli sandwich, or anything like that. yes no not sure

[if yes] Where did you get them? (Check all that apply, and specify purchase details: name of store or restaurant, location, date if possible) grocery store restaurant deli

Do you know what brand they were? yes no not sure specify _____

If these were purchased in a labeled package (e.g., a plastic clam shell), do you remember specifically what kind of sprouts they were? Here is a list of some different kinds of sprouts:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> [plain] alfalfa | <input type="checkbox"/> onion-alfalfa mix | <input type="checkbox"/> broccoli | <input type="checkbox"/> "salad mix" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> radish | <input type="checkbox"/> bean sprouts | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> not sure |

In the 5 days before you got sick, did you eat anything from a salad bar at a restaurant or deli, even without sprouts? yes no not sure

[if yes] When and where was that?

If you don't remember eating any sprouts, do you remember handling them at work, home, or anywhere else? yes no not sure

Have you ever heard about a possible connection between alfalfa sprouts and foodborne illness? yes no not sure

[if yes] What do you remember about it?

[if yes] Where (all) did you hear about it? TV radio newspaper word of mouth

[If not already mentioned] One brand of alfalfa sprouts was recalled because of a disease outbreak on Friday, February 12th. Did you hear anything about that recall? yes no not sure

[if yes] Did you have any sprouts at home then? yes no not sure

[if yes] Did you check to see if they were the recalled brand? yes no not sure

[Prompt for more if they only mention the most recent flap about the Salmonella Mbandaka/Hydro Harvest outbreak.] Prior to this recent recall announcement, do you remember hearing anything about sprouts and foodborne illness? yes no not sure

[if yes] where (all) did you hear about it? TV radio newspaper word of mouth