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Consumer Alert Regarding Peanut Butter Due to Possible Salmonella Contamination
Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter may be linked to outbreak

BOSTON – Friday, September 21, 2012 – The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) warns consumers that Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter Made with Sea Salt may be related to a multi-state outbreak of Salmonella infection. DPH is working in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and many other state health departments to investigate an outbreak of *Salmonella* Bredeney that may be linked to the consumption of this product. Since June 11, twenty-nine cases of *S. Bredeney* have been detected nationally. Three of these cases have occurred in Massachusetts. DPH recommends discarding the product if it is in the home.

Salmonella are germs (bacteria) that cause an infectious disease (called “salmonellosis”) of the bowel in humans and animals. The most common symptoms are stomach cramps, diarrhea, fever, nausea, and sometimes vomiting. Symptoms can take up to three days to show up, but most often begin 12 to 36 hours after the germs are swallowed. Symptoms generally last for several days. Some people with salmonellosis become sick enough to require hospitalization. Anyone with these symptoms who has consumed Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter Made with Sea Salt should consult their healthcare provider.

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