

What is *Salmonella Tennessee*?

Salmonella is a common bacterial infection. There are many different types of *Salmonella*. This type may be associated with peanut butter consumption.

What are the symptoms of *Salmonella* infection?

People infected with *Salmonella* may have mild or severe diarrhea, fever, and sometimes vomiting. Infections can also occur in the bladder (called a urinary tract infection). Bladder infections appear to be more common with *Salmonella Tennessee* infections.

How soon after infection with *Salmonella* do symptoms appear?

Diarrhea and fever usually occur 12-36 hours after infection, with a range of 56-72 hours. Symptoms of urinary tract infections may occur days to weeks after consumption.

What peanut butter is associated with outbreak?

The following peanut butter brands and product numbers are associated with infection:

- Peter Pan peanut butter with a product code that starts with 2111
- Great Value peanut butter with a product code that starts with 2111

The Centers for Disease Control and Food and Drug Administration believe these two kinds of peanut butter may be contaminated with *Salmonella Tennessee*. Other brands and lot numbers of peanut butters are believed to be safe to eat.

What should I do if I recently ate some of the contaminated peanut butter?

If you are not ill with symptoms of Salmonella and have a jar of peanut butter that matches the brand and product number, throw the peanut butter away.

If you are ill with symptoms of Salmonella and have a jar of peanut butter that matches the brand and product number, contact your health care provider. Do not throw away the peanut butter. You may be asked to provide a stool sample for testing. Also contact your local health department. Your health department will determine whether your peanut butter should be sent for testing.

If you had symptoms of Salmonella and are well now and have peanut butter that may be contaminated, throw it away. There is no need to contact your health care provider but do contact your local public health department.

What is the treatment for *Salmonella*?

Most people will recover without treatment, however, antibiotics may be prescribed by their physician.

How is *Salmonella* spread?

Salmonella is usually spread to people who eat foods contaminated with the bacteria. The bacterium is often found in feces. Foods may also become contaminated when someone ill with *Salmonella* prepares food for someone else. If you have symptoms do not prepare or touch anyone else's food. And always wash your hands after going to the bathroom.