*Salmonella* Oranienburg/(b)(5) (suspect)/Jun 2026 - CARA ID 1387

On 6/29/2026, the (b)(5) ERC notified CORE Signals about an emerging *Salmonella* Oranienburg cluster investigation in the Midwest with a signal for Mexican-style restaurants. State partners were investigating a subcluster of illnesses associated with a local (b)(5) ) restaurant, and illnesses in (b)(5) linked to (b)(4) restaurants. (b)(5) partners reached out to (b)(4) to initiate information and record collection, and CORE Signals collaborated with the (b)(5) ERC to request recipes, and supplier and distribution information from (b)(4) corporate representatives for (b)(5) items associated with locations linked to illnesses in (b)(5) and (b)(5). CORE conducted a traceback investigation for multiple commodities - (b)(5) ; comprised of 13 cases from (b)(5) states (b)(5) , representing 6 different points-of-sale (POS)/legs. The traceback investigation identified (b)(4) growers ((b)(5) ) across 6 legs with all legs converging at (b)(4) and (b)(4) . (b)(4) is a packinghouse for (b)(4) was identified as the source of the (b)(5) supplied to all 6 legs. (b)(4) oversees (b)(4) farms: (b)(4) and (b)(4) who share fields and (b)(4) ; and (b)(4) who share fields. The traceback identified multiple implicated lots (n=12) with harvest dates ranging from 4/28/2026-5/17/2026. Lots harvested on different days were comingled in outgoing shipments. Due to all 6 legs converging at (b)(4) grower, but absence of microbiological evidence matching outbreak strain, (b)(5) were designated the suspect vehicle. On 8/18/2026, FDA CORE issued eNSpect # 285705 (Op IDs: 394680, 394681, and 394682) to FDA Office of Inspections and Investigations (OII), Office of Human Food Inspectorate (OHFI), Division East 4 and (b)(5) , to initiate an inspection and environmental sampling at (b)(4) ) and (b)(4) ). The inspection included (b)(4) farms: (b)(4) , and (b)(4) identified in the traceback investigation for (b)(5) and closed on 8/28/2026. Due to the inspection being conducted outside of the (b)(5) growing season, it was recommended that another inspection is conducted next growing season with sampling. An FDA Form 4056 with observations was provided to the firm noting multiple sanitation issues. With the lack of sufficient laboratory or epidemiological evidence, (b)(5) remained the suspect vehicle for this outbreak investigation based on traceback evidence and limited epidemiology. There were no indicators to formulate a hypothesis as to source or route of contamination for this outbreak. This outbreak closed on 11/2/2026 with 99 cases from (b)(5) states: (b)(5) 22 hospitalizations and 0 deaths.