***Salmonella* Newport/(b)(5) (suspect)/Aug 2026 - CARA ID 1403**

On 8/7/2026, CDC notified CORE Signals of a *Salmonella* Newport investigation associated with a persistent REP strain (REPJJP01). Three subclusters were identified and (b)(5) were noted as the common ingredient consumed among all cases with available exposure information. On 8/20/2026, CDC named (b)(5) as the suspect vehicle for this investigation. A traceback investigation was conducted at eight points-of-service (POS) associated with 15 cases from (b)(5) states (b)(5)). CORE issued eight assignments for traceback records and information collection at various firms throughout the supply chain. Based on information collected, multiple growers and suppliers in (b)(5) were identified, however, the source or route of contamination for this outbreak was not determined. FDAs Division of Import Operations (DIO) implemented increased import screening for two (b)(5) growers identified in traceback. Two produce samples were collected and tested negative for *Salmonella spp*. No product or firm actions were taken as a result of this investigation. Epidemiologic and traceback evidence supported (b)(5) as the suspect vehicle for this outbreak investigation. The traceback analysis identified multiple (b)(5) growers and suppliers, however, no convergence on a single grower or supplier was identified. CDC closed this investigation on 10/2/2026 and FDA completed its outbreak investigation activities. As of 10/29/2026, this outbreak included 119 cases from (b)(5) States: (b)(5) There were 19 hospitalizations and no deaths reported.