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## **Salmonella outbreak prompts salami recall**

***Oregon Public Health officials are tracking cases throughout the state***

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Oregon Public Health Division officials today are warning consumers about a nationwide recall of approximately 1,240,000 pounds of a variety of pepper-coated salami products manufactured by Daniele, Inc., a Rhode Island company.

“Daniele brand salami has been identified as the source of a large and ongoing outbreak of salmonellosis,” said William Keene, Ph.D., M.P.H., a senior epidemiologist at the Oregon Public Health Division. Salmonellosis is an acute bacterial infection that can cause diarrhea, fever and vomiting. “Consumers and food service providers who have any of the recalled products should discard them immediately or return them for a refund.”

As of today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report 184 potentially outbreak-associated cases have been identified in 38 states, including eight from Oregon and 14 from Washington. Nationally, more than 35 people have been hospitalized, but no deaths have been reported. The earliest recognized cases began in July 2009, and the CDC continues to report cases.

The recalled products are widely sold at groceries, warehouse stores and online. Vendors include Costco, Walmart, Sam’s Club, Amazon and other locations. Most products are sold under the Daniele brand name, but several items with the Boar’s Head, Black Bear, or Dietz & Watson labels are also included. All of the recalled

products carry a small round USDA mark that says “EST. 54” or “EST. 9992.” Daniele products with other USDA establishment numbers are not being recalled.

“Many states have been working together to identify a source for these cases, which have been trickling in for months. This has been a very long and often frustrating investigation. We had gone down a lot of dead ends until the puzzle pieces finally started to fit together about this outbreak,” Keene said.

As soon as Daniele was notified of the presence of salmonella in some of its products, the company agreed to voluntarily recall its pepper-coated salami and variety packs that contain any pepper-coating. Daniele continues to cooperate fully with the investigation. State and federal public health agencies are working with the Rhode Island-based company to determine if pepper is the source of the contamination.

Salmonellosis symptoms usually develop within one to five days after eating contaminated food. Oregon Public Health Division officials say cases resolve without the need for medical attention, and do not recommend antibiotics for persons with uncomplicated diarrheal illness. The risk of severe illness is particularly high among the elderly, the immuno-compromised, and the very young. Some people with salmonella bacteria develop serious illness that can lead to hospitalization and even death.

Consumers who have questions about the recall can contact Daniele, Inc., at [www.danielefoods.com](http://www.danielefoods.com) or call 888-345-4160. People who have eaten these products and have developed severe symptoms should contact a health care provider. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has posted information about the multi-state outbreak on its Web site at [www.cdc.gov/salmonella](http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella).

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A complete list of products includes:

- Daniele Deli Selection (20 oz)
- Daniele Italian Brand Gourmet Pack (16 oz)
- Daniele Italian Brand Gourmet Pack (8 oz)
- Daniele Surtido Fino Italiano (454 g)
- Dietz and Watson Artisan Collection Party Platter Pack (8 oz)
- Daniele Gourmet Combo Pack (16 oz)
- Daniele Surtido Fino Italiano (340 g)
- Daniele Brand Gourmet Pack (Emballage Assorti Gourmet Italian) (500 g)
- Boar’s Head All Natural Salame Coated with Coarse Black Pepper (8 oz)
- Daniele All Natural Salame Coated with Coarse Black Pepper” (10oz)
- Daniele Pepper Salame
- Black Bear Baby Genoa Pepper Salame (9 oz)
- Dietz & Watson Artisan Collection Baby Genoa Pepper Salame
- Daniele Gourmet Italian Deli Selection (600 g)
- Daniele Salame Bites Pepper Salame (7 oz)

Daniele Natural Salame Coated with Coarse Black Pepper  
Daniele Gourmet Deli Selection (Assortment De Fines Charcuterie Italienne) (400g)  
Daniele deli Selection (32oz)

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