

# Health **FAX**

## **ALERT: Food Warning related to Strubs Ready-to-Eat Smoked Salmon due to Possible Contamination with Listeria Monocytogenes**

Attention: **Hospital Infection Control Practitioners, Long Term Care Homes, Rest and Retirement Homes**

Date: Friday, September 30, 2011

The Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario and the Medical Officer of Health for City of Toronto are warning against consumption of the following fish product because it may be contaminated with Listeria.

<b>Brand</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>UPC</b>	<b>Best Before / Code</b>	<b>Lot Codes</b>
Strubs	Smoked Salmon – ready to eat	250 gram vacuum packs			09192011

The September 29, 2011 News Release from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is available at: [Ontarians Warned Not To Eat Food Product Contaminated With Listeria - News Releases - News Room - MOHLTC](#)

**A copy of this fax should be directed to Dietary Departments to ensure that the facility food supply has been checked, and that any affected product is quickly identified and removed from service.**

There have been no reported illnesses associated with the consumption of this product at this time.

It is our understanding that these products may have been distributed in Ontario to high risk institutions, supermarkets, and other food retail outlets. We have been requested by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to alert you to this warning. Please forward this information to your Food Services/Dietary Manager in order to check your food service inventories, and to *confirm* that you do not have this product available for your clients, staff and / or patrons.

**If you do have this product please immediately remove the product from service or sale, and notify the Public Health Inspector on our Health Connection line, 705-721 7520 or toll free at 1 877 721 7520.**

Listeriosis is a rare but potentially serious food-borne illness that can severely affect the elderly, pregnant women and individuals with weakened immune systems. Symptoms may include vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, cramps, severe headache, constipation and persistent fever. In severe cases, these

symptoms may be followed by meningitis encephalitis and/or septicemia, either of which can result in death.

Listeriosis is a reportable and communicable disease. Please report all suspect and confirmed cases of Listeriosis to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Communicable Disease Team at 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 extension 8809 (after hours at 1-888-225-7851).

Information regarding Listeriosis is also available on the health unit website at <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/DiseaseInformation/CommunicableDiseaseFactSheets/Listeriosis.aspx>