

# Health **FAX**

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

Attention: **Hospital Infection Control Practitioners, Long-Term Care Homes, Rest and Retirement Homes**  
 Date: **Tuesday Oct 4, 2011**

This is an update to the warning issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario and the Medical Officer of Health for City of Toronto on September 29, 2011 concerning certain Strub's Smoked Salmon products that may be contaminated with Listeria. The list of products has now been revised to include only the following two Strub's products:

<i>Brand</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>UPC</i>	<i>Best Before / Code</i>	<i>Lot Codes</i>
<b>Strub's</b>	<b>Smoked Salmon Bits</b>	<b>300 gram packages</b>			<b>09192011</b>
<b>Strub's</b>	<b>Norwegian Style Sliced Smoked Steelhead Salmon (Gold Tail)</b>	<b>200 gram packages</b>			<b>09192011</b>

A copy of the updated October 3, 2011 News Release from the Ontario Ministry of Health is available at: [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/release/2011/sep/nr\\_20110929\\_1.aspx](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/release/2011/sep/nr_20110929_1.aspx)

**A copy of this information 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>