



ALERT

Malichita Brand and Ruby Brand Cantaloupes Recalled – Salmonella Exposure

December 5, 2023

ATTENTION: Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Congregate Living Settings, and Child Care Facilities

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has issued a [food recall warning](#) on November 11, 2023 of Malichita brand and Ruby brand cantaloupes due to possible Salmonella contamination for products sold between October 10 and November 24.

Locally, we have had a confirmed case linked to this outbreak and therefore want to ensure settings serving high risk individuals are aware.

Young children, older adults, pregnant individuals and people with weakened immune systems are particularly at risk of contracting serious infections caused by salmonella. The majority of those who have been affected by the recalled cantaloupes are children under the age of 5 and adults over the age of 65. There have been reports of cases residing in long-term care homes and many cases of children who have attended daycare.

What you should do:

- If you think you became sick from consuming a recalled product, contact your healthcare provider
- Check to see if you have recalled products
- Do not consume, serve, use, sell or distribute recalled products
- Recalled products should be thrown out or returned to the location where they were purchased
- Consumers who are unsure if they have purchased the recalled product are advised to contact their retailer

Salmonella symptoms will usually begin 6 to 72 hours after becoming infected and will typically end 4 to 7 days after onset. Most people will fully recover on their own without any medication.

Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Stomach cramps
- Nausea
- Vomiting

Additional Information

Salmonella: [Salmonellosis \(Salmonella\) - Canada.ca](#)

Food recall Warning: [Malichita brand and Rudy brand Cantaloupes recalled due to Salmonella - Canada.ca](#)

Public Health Notice: [Public Health Notice: Outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to Malichita and Rudy brand cantaloupes - Canada.ca](#)

Produce Safety: [Produce safety - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/food-nutrition/healthy-eating/produce-safety.html)