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Health Department Calls Attention to Peanut Butter Recommendations

Baltimore, MD (January 20, 2009) – The Baltimore City Health Department is calling attention to national recommendations on peanut butter products because of the risk of *Salmonella* contamination. There have been three cases of *Salmonella* in Baltimore linked to this outbreak.

Over the weekend, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that consumers “[p]ostpone eating other peanut butter containing products (such as cookies, crackers, cereal, candy and ice cream) until information becomes available about whether that product may be affected.”

According to the Food and Drug Administration, “To date, no association has been found with major national brand name jars of peanut butter sold in grocery stores.”

The list of recalled products is online at

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>. This list is expected to expand over time as the full extent of the recall becomes known.

Updated information on recall can be found on the Food and Drug Administration’s website, <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyph.html>.

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