

# U.S. Department of Food Safety Issues Public Health Alert for HelloFresh Meal Kits

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is issuing a public health alert due to concerns that ground beef products in HelloFresh meal kits may be associated with Escherichia coli (E. coli) 0157:H7 illness. **A recall was not requested because the products are no longer available for purchase.**

The meal kits containing ground beef for this public health alert were shipped to consumers from July 2-21, 2022. The following products are subject to the public health alert [view label]:

10-oz. plastic vacuum-packed packages containing "GROUND BEEF 85% LEAN/15% FAT" with codes "EST#46841 L1 22 155" or "EST#46841 L5 22 155" on the side of the packaging.

**The ground beef packages bear "EST.46841" inside the USDA mark of inspection and on the plastic ground beef package.**

FSIS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state public health partners are investigating an outbreak of E. coli 0157:H7 and raw ground beef is the probable source of the reported illnesses. Traceback information identified that multiple case-patients received ground beef produced at establishment M46841 and distributed by HelloFresh in meal kits from July 2-21, 2022. Traceback of materials used to produce the ground beef is ongoing and FSIS continues to work with suppliers and public health partners on the investigation.

**FSIS is concerned that some product may be in consumers' freezers. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away.**

FSIS advises all consumers to safely prepare their raw meat products, including fresh and frozen, and only consume ground beef that has been cooked to a temperature of 160 F. The only way to confirm that ground beef is cooked to a temperature high enough to kill harmful bacteria is to use a food thermometer that measures internal temperature, <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/safetempchart>.

*Media and consumers with questions regarding the public health alert can contact [hello@hellofresh.com](mailto:hello@hellofresh.com) or by live chat.*

Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 888-MPHotline (888-674-6854) or live chat via Ask USDA from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Consumers can also browse food safety messages at Ask USDA or send a question via email to [MPHotline@usda.gov](mailto:MPHotline@usda.gov). For consumers that need to report a problem with a meat, poultry, or egg product, the online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at <https://foodcomplaint.fsis.usda.gov/eCCF/>.