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CHELAN-DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH



Current Conditions of Interest

"Always Working for a Safer and Healthier Community"

**TO REPORT A
NOTIFIABLE
CONDITION:**

Phone (509) 886-6400

Fax (509) 886-6478

After hours call:

(509) 886-6499

Influenza Reporting 2015-2016

Seasonal epidemics occur every year in Washington and the United States. Peak activity usually occurs between December and March.

Every year in the United States, influenza results in approximately 220,000 hospitalizations (JAMA 2004;292(11):1333–40) and somewhere between 3,000 and 49,000 deaths (MMWR 2010;59(33):1057–62).

To make a report contact the Chelan-Douglas Health District at (509) 886-6400. To report an **Immediately** notifiable condition after hours call (509) 886-6499.

In Washington, during the 2014-15 influenza season a total of 157 laboratory confirmed influenza deaths were reported, including one pediatric death. Most deaths occurred in people with pre-existing health conditions. The 2014-15 seasonal summary and past summaries can be found on the [Washington State Department of Health Influenza Surveillance page](#).

Legal Reporting Requirements for Influenza-associated Deaths (Laboratory-confirmed)

1. Healthcare providers: notifiable to local health jurisdiction within 3 business days
2. Healthcare facilities: notifiable to local health jurisdiction within 3 business days

Legal Reporting Requirements for Novel or Unsubtypable Strains

1. Health care providers: **immediately notifiable to local health jurisdiction**
2. Health care facilities: **immediately notifiable to local health jurisdiction**
3. Laboratories: **immediately notifiable to local health jurisdiction**; specimen submission required – isolate or clinical specimen (2 business days)
4. Veterinarians: suspected human cases **immediately notifiable to local health jurisdiction**; animal cases notifiable to Washington State Department of Agriculture (see: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=16-70>)

Other Reporting Requirements

Healthcare providers and hospitals should also report the following to the local health jurisdiction where the patient resides:

- Outbreaks of influenza-like illness or lab-confirmed influenza in an institutional setting (e.g., long term care facility).
- Unexplained critical illness or death in persons < 50 years-old.

Resources:

- [DOH Influenza Page for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [CDC Influenza Surveillance](#)
- [Guidelines for Novel or Unsubtypable Strains](#)
- [Guidelines for Influenza-associated Deaths](#)



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Salmonella Outbreak Linked to Cucumbers [Link](#)

CDC, multiple states, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are investigating a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* Poona infections. This investigation is ongoing. CDC will provide updates when more information is available.

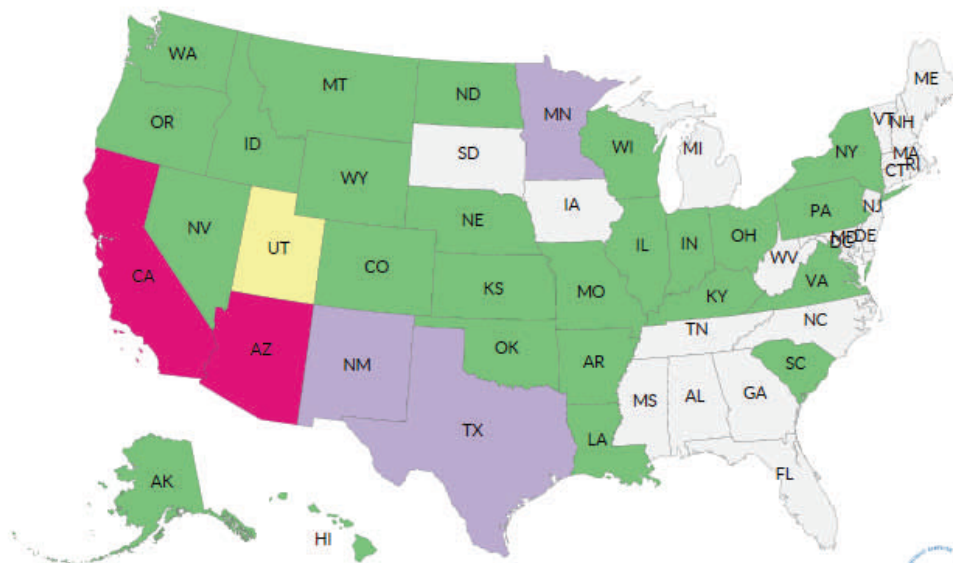
Epidemiologic, laboratory, and traceback investigations have identified cucumbers imported from Mexico and distributed by Andrew & Williamson Fresh Produce as a likely source of the infections in this outbreak.

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People infected with the outbreak strains of *Salmonella* Poona, by state of residence, as of September 14, 2015 (n=418)

About This Map

- 1 - <19
- 19 - <36
- 36 - <54
- 54 - <71
- 71 - <89



At A Glance

- Case Count: 418
- States: 31
- Deaths: 2
- Hospitalizations: 91
- Recall: Yes

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People infected with the outbreak strains of *Salmonella* Poona, by date of illness onset*

