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**TO:** Healthcare Providers, Long Term Care Facilities, Healthcare Facilities, Clinical Laboratories, and Local Health Departments

**FROM:** New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Division of Epidemiology, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control (BCDC)

### Health Advisory Recall of Certain Boar's Head Deli Meat

Please distribute immediately to: Clinical Laboratories, Hospitals, Long Term Care Facilities, Local Health Departments, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Facility Food Service, Emergency Medicine, Infectious Disease, Infection Prevention and Control, Epidemiology, Laboratory Medicine, Medical Directors, Directors of Nursing, and all patient care areas

The purpose of this advisory is to alert you to a recall of Boar's Head products, ensure you or your food service department are no longer serving these products, and remind you that any cases of listeriosis must be promptly reported to your local health department.

#### **Summary**

- Boar's Head Provisions Co. has issued a recall for all liverwurst products, as well as other deli meat products that were produced in the same facility at the same time as the liverwurst, as they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. For a full list of recalled products visit: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls-alerts/boars-head-provisions-co--recalls-ready-eat-liverwurst-and-other-deli-meat-products>.
- Any of these products in your facility should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase. The Food Safety and Inspection Service recommends facilities clean and sanitize all food and non-food surfaces, including refrigerators, and discard any open meats and cheeses to prevent risk of cross-contamination.
- The contaminated product was discovered as part of a national listeriosis outbreak, which includes New York residents, linked to deli meats.
- Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, a serious infection that primarily affects people who are pregnant, aged 65 or older, or with weakened immune systems. Less commonly, persons outside these risk groups are affected. Additional information about this investigation can be found on the CDC investigation notice, <https://www.cdc.gov/listeria/outbreaks/delimeats-7-24/index.html>.
- Listeriosis is reportable to the local health department (LHD) of the county in which the patient resides.

- Outside of NYC, contact information for local health departments is available at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact\\_information](https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information). If unable to reach the LHD where the patient resides, contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at 518-473-4439.
- For NYC residents, report to the NYC Health Department's Provider Access Line at 866-692-3641.