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## News Release

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Provincial Health Services Authority  
BC Centre for Disease Control  
Ministry of Health

### **Hepatitis A in Western Family brand pineapple chunks**

**Vancouver** – The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) is warning consumers that Hepatitis A virus has been detected in a sample of Western Family brand fresh pineapple chunks sold in ready-to-go cups.

Current information indicates the cups were produced on August 11th and distributed to 38 Save-On-Foods, Overwaitea Foods and PriceSmart Foods stores in BC. (A list is at the bottom of this release.)

The fruit cups may have been on sale from August 11th and had a best before date of August 19th.

The investigation is ongoing. Other products are believed to be affected and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

### **What you can do**

Hepatitis A vaccine can prevent hepatitis A infection if given within 14 days after exposure.

- If you consumed this product on August 18th or later, you should receive a dose of hepatitis A vaccine.
- If you develop symptoms of hepatitis A, contact your family doctor and local health unit office immediately.
- Consumers who have frozen the product should discard it.

No illness has been reported to date.

Hepatitis A is an infection caused by a virus that affects the liver. The virus is found in the stool of an infected person. It is spread when a person eats food or drinks water that has come in

contact with infected stool. Infected food handlers can pass the virus on to other people if they do not wash their hands with soap and water after using the bathroom.

Hepatitis A symptoms include yellow skin or eyes, loss of appetite, fever, tiredness, stomach ache, nausea, dark coloured urine, and light or whitish coloured bowel movements. Symptoms can also be so mild that a person may not be aware that they have the disease. Illness can last for several weeks but people generally recover completely. Illness may be life threatening in the elderly or those with other chronic liver disease. Symptoms may develop 15-50 days after exposure.

**For information about free hepatitis A vaccine in your health authority if you consumed the product within the last 14 days**

Fraser Health: <http://www.fraserhealth.ca/hepAclinics>

Interior Health: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/pages/default.aspx>

Island Health:

[http://www.viha.ca/about\\_viha/news/news\\_releases/NR\\_HepatitisA\\_westernfamily\\_pineapple\\_1sept2017](http://www.viha.ca/about_viha/news/news_releases/NR_HepatitisA_westernfamily_pineapple_1sept2017)

Northern Health:

<https://www.northernhealth.ca/YourHealth/HealthAlerts/CommunicableIllnessDisease.aspx>

Vancouver Coastal Health: <http://www.vch.ca/about-us/news/Hep-A>

A free hepatitis A vaccine can also be offered at any Overwaitea banner stores including Save-On-Foods, PriceSmart Foods, Overwaitea Foods and Urban Fare. Please contact the pharmacist at any of these stores for more information.

**Stores where the product was sold:**

Save-on-Foods	300 - 32700 S. Fraser Way (West Oaks Mall)	BC	Abbotsford	V2T-4M5
Save-on-Foods	2388 Whatcom Road	BC	Abbotsford	V3G 0C1
Save-on-Foods	3433 North Road	BC	Burnaby	V3J-0A9
Save-on-Foods	4469 Kingsway (Old Orchard Shopping Mall)	BC	Burnaby	V5H 1Z9
PriceSmart Foods	4650 Kingsway	BC	Burnaby	V5H 4L9
Save-on-Foods	200 - 7155 Kingsway	BC	Burnaby	V5E-2V1
Save-on-Foods	4399 Lougheed Hwy	BC	Burnaby	V5C-3Y7
Save-on-Foods	46020 Yale Road (Salish Plaza)	BC	Chilliwack	V2P-7V2
Save-on-Foods	45635 Tamihi Way	BC	Chilliwack	V2R-0M4
Save-on-Foods	2991 Lougheed Highway (Pinetree Village)	BC	Coquitlam	V3B-6J6
Save-on-Foods	7015 - 120th Street (Scottsdale Centre)	BC	Delta	V4E-2A9

Save-on-Foods	181 Trans-Canada Highway	BC	Duncan	V9L 3P8
Save-on-Foods	10345 100th Street	BC	Fort St. John	V1J-3Z2
Overwaitea	1020 10th Avenue South PO Box 409	BC	Golden	V0A-1H0
Save-on-Foods	#9 - 2101 E. Trans Canada Hwy	BC	Kamloops	V2C-4A6
Save-on-Foods	200-450 Lansdowne Street	BC	Kamloops	V2C-1Y3
Save-on-Foods	#10 - 301 Highway 33 W.	BC	Kelowna	V1X-1X8
Save-on-Foods	20151 Fraser Highway	BC	Langley	V3A-4E4
Save-on-Foods	8840 - 210 Street	BC	Langley	V1M-2Y2
Save-on-Foods	#1 - 20255 - 64th Avenue	BC	Langley	V2Y-1M9
Save-on-Foods	23981 Dewdney Trunk Road	BC	Maple Ridge	V4R-1W1
Save-on-Foods	#116 - 1700 Garcia Street PO Box 144	BC	Merritt	V1K-1B8
Save-on-Foods	400 - 32555 London Avenue	BC	Mission	V2V-6M7
Save-on-Foods	#600 - 333 Brooksbank Avenue (Park & Tilford Gardens)	BC	North Vancouver	V7J-3S8
Save-on-Foods	#161 - 2111 Main Street (Cherry Lane Shopping Centre)	BC	Penticton	V2A-6W6
Save-on-Foods	5232 Domano Blvd	BC	Prince George	V2N-4A1
Save-on-Foods	100, 1600 - 15th Avenue (Parkwood Plaza)	BC	Prince George	V2L-3X3
Save-on-Foods	555 Central Street (Spruceland Mall)	BC	Prince George	V2M-3C6
Save-on-Foods	3885 W. Austin Road	BC	Prince George	V2K-2H7
Save-on-Foods	555 Victoria Road PO Box 512	BC	Revelstoke	V0E-2S0
PriceSmart Foods	8200 Ackroyd Road	BC	Richmond	V6X-1B5
Save-on-Foods	3000 - 11666 Steveston Hwy	BC	Richmond	V7A-5J3
Save-on-Foods	2345 Beacon Avenue	BC	Sidney	V8L 1W9
Overwaitea	113 Red Cedar Drive PO Box 790	BC	Sparwood	V0B-2G0
Save-on-Foods	1301 Pemberton (Chieftain Mall)	BC	Squamish	V8B-0A1
Save-on-Foods	10312 King George Boulevard	BC	Surrey	V3T-2W5
Save-on-Foods	4731 Lakelse Avenue (Skeena Mall)	BC	Terrace	V8G-1R5
Save-on-Foods	#255 - 2306 Highway 6	BC	Vernon	V1T-7E3

**Information about hepatitis A and vaccine:**

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/hepatitis-vaccine>  
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/hepatitis-a>  
<http://www.immunizebc.ca/diseases-vaccinations/hepatitis-a>

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