



Important Notice

SALMONELLA OUTBREAK

Dear Valued Customer,

There is currently a Salmonella outbreak investigation involving fresh jalapeños. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), investigators have linked the outbreak to fresh jalapeños grown in Sinaloa, Mexico and distributed in the United States by Coast Citrus Distributors. Coast Citrus has initiated a recall of the affected product. To date, the outbreak has resulted in 345 reported illnesses across 27 states, including 36 hospitalizations.

As a precaution, restaurant chains including Chipotle and QDOBA voluntarily removed the affected jalapeños from their restaurants after identifying the implicated product within their supply chains. Public health officials have stated there is no ongoing risk associated with those restaurants because the affected product has been removed.

We have reviewed our sourcing and want to assure you that:

- Vesta does not source jalapeños through Coast Citrus Distributors.
- We have not received any recall, withdrawal, or hold notice from any of our jalapeño suppliers.
- At this time, there is no indication that Vesta's jalapeño supply chain has been affected by this outbreak.

If you have any questions regarding this investigation, please contact your Vesta Sales Representative. Thank you for your continued trust in Vesta Foodservice.

THE VESTA FOODSERVICE TEAM