



To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

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Dear Food Establishment Owner/Manager,

There is a nationwide outbreak of *Salmonella* Saintpaul associated with certain types of tomatoes. This began as a localized outbreak in the Southwestern United States, and has now expanded to 16 states, including Washington.

While the FDA has not issued a recall of tomatoes, they are recommending that consumers nationwide should **avoid eating raw red Roma, raw red plum, and raw red round tomatoes** unless the tomatoes are known to be from one of the geographic areas FDA has identified as not being part of the outbreak. Cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, tomatoes sold with the vine still attached, and home-grown tomatoes, from all geographic areas, are not believed to be associated with the outbreak. FDA has not yet announced the source of the affected tomatoes.

FDA's advice to consumers and their list of "safe" sources of tomatoes can be found on the internet at: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/tomatoes.html>. CDC has also recently updated their summary of the outbreak: <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/saintpaul/>.

Please avoid serving raw red Roma, raw red plum, and raw red round tomatoes until you receive further notice. We are happy to help and answer any questions at 509-933-8225.

Sincerely,

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