



# Salmonella Outbreak: Cucumbers Impact 31 States

## Description

Former JPMorgan Chase chief economist Anthony Chan shared his thoughts on Kamala Harris' statement about making it a top priority to lower prices on 'Varney & Co.' despite already being in office. Meanwhile, cucumbers in 31 states and the District of Columbia are being recalled due to a salmonella outbreak. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported cases of Salmonella Africana and Salmonella Braenderup infections, impacting 449 individuals with 125 hospitalized. Fortunately, no fatalities have been recorded.

The CDC traced the infection to two sources, one being untreated canal water used by a grower in Florida. Fresh Start Produce Sales Inc. of Delray, Florida, has initiated a recall affecting whole cucumbers distributed to 31 states. The outbreak has affected 449 people across 31 states and Washington, D.C.

Symptoms of salmonella infection include diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps, typically appearing within 6 hours to 6 days after ingestion. Recovery usually occurs within 4 to 7 days without treatment. However, children under 5, adults over 65, and individuals with weakened immune systems may experience more severe symptoms requiring medical intervention. The situation is being closely monitored, with precautions advised for those at higher risk.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Recalled** /rɪ'kɔːld/ (verb): Called back or summoned especially in reference to products or items due to safety concerns.
2. **Outbreak** /'aʊt.breɪk/ (noun): A sudden increase in disease cases in a particular time and place.
3. **Salmonella** /,sæl.mə'nel.ə/ (noun): A type of bacteria that causes foodborne illness.
4. **Symptoms** /'sɪmp.təmz/ (noun): Signs or indications of a condition or disease.
5. **Intervention** /,ɪn.tə'ven.jən/ (noun): The act of getting involved in a situation in order to improve it or prevent it from getting worse.
6. **Individuals** /,ɪndɪ'vɪdʒuəlz/ (noun): Single human beings as distinct from a group or community.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice



1. Who shared thoughts on Kamala Harris' statement about lowering prices on 'Varney & Co.'?

Option: Anthony Chan

Option: CDC

Option: Fresh Start Produce Sales Inc.

Option: Take bodycontent

2. What is the impact of the salmonella outbreak mentioned?

Option: 449 individuals affected

Option: 125 fatalities recorded

Option: No one affected

Option: 999 individuals affected

3. What are some symptoms of salmonella infection as mentioned in the text?

Option: Diarrhea fever stomach cramps

Option: Headache dizziness sore throat

Option: Back pain joint pain fatigue

Option: Chest pain shortness of breath coughing

4. Which state did the CDC trace the infection source to?

Option: Florida

Option: California

Option: Texas

Option: New York

5. Who initiated the recall because of the salmonella outbreak?

Option: Fresh Start Produce Sales Inc.

Option: CDC

Option: Amazon

Option: Walmart

6. How long does recovery typically occur after salmonella infection?

Option: 4 to 7 days

Option: Within 24 hours

Option: 2 weeks or more

Option: Around a month

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Anthony Chan 2. 449 individuals affected 3. Diarrhea fever stomach cramps 4. Florida  
5. Fresh Start Produce Sales Inc. 6. 4 to 7 days



## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is a situation where two or more parties have opposing views or ideas?  
Option: Negotiation  
Option: Intervention  
Option: Disagreement  
Option: Directive
2. What are the results or effects of a particular action or situation?  
Option: Endanger  
Option: Decreased  
Option: Consequences  
Option: Surging
3. Which term describes feeling annoyed or discouraged because things are not going as desired?  
Option: Frustrated  
Option: Recalled  
Option: Symptoms  
Option: Acknowledged
4. What is a sudden occurrence of something harmful or unwanted such as disease or violence?  
Option: Individuals  
Option: Salmonella  
Option: Outbreak  
Option: Cooperate
5. What is the act of getting involved in a situation to alter or change its course?  
Option: Surging  
Option: Intervention  
Option: Directive  
Option: Decreased
6. Which term means to work together with others towards a common goal or objective?  
Option: Inspection  
Option: Disengage  
Option: Cooperate  
Option: Endangered
7. What is the act of expressing disapproval or judgment towards someone or something?



- Option: Acknowledge
- Option: Criticism
- Option: Recalled
- Option: Spike

8. Which term means strong healthy and vigorous?

- Option: Propelled
- Option: Anticipated
- Option: Robust
- Option: Upswing

9. What does it mean to accept or admit the existence or truth of something?

- Option: Acknowledged
- Option: Cooperate
- Option: Inspection
- Option: Disengage

10. Which term describes a sudden and large increase or rise in something such as numbers or intensity?

- Option: Surging
- Option: Recalled
- Option: Decreased
- Option: Outbreak

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. A \_\_\_\_\_ is the exclusion of employees from the workplace until certain terms are agreed upon.
12. The recent changes in policies have \_\_\_\_\_ the overall productivity of the team.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to discomfort and safety issues in public spaces.
14. The company \_\_\_\_\_ the faulty products due to safety concerns.
15. Fever cough and fatigue are common \_\_\_\_\_ of the flu.
16. As \_\_\_\_\_ we must take responsibility for our actions and choices.
17. The new technology \_\_\_\_\_ the company to the forefront of the industry.



18. The team \_\_\_\_\_ a successful outcome after months of preparation.
19. The manager issued a clear \_\_\_\_\_ on how to handle customer complaints.
20. Reckless driving can \_\_\_\_\_ the lives of pedestrians and other motorists.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

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| 21. The unexpected power outage caused a _____ in the production schedule.                                |
| 22. Before purchasing the house the potential buyers wanted to _____ it thoroughly.                       |
| 23. The company issued a new _____ outlining the updated dress code policy.                               |
| 24. The passengers boarded the plane and took their seats in the _____.                                   |
| 25. Leaving toxic chemicals unsecured can _____ the health of those living nearby.                        |
| 26. The two companies decided to _____ on a joint marketing campaign.                                     |
| 27. The new policy sparked a debate among the employees.                                                  |
| 28. The demand for the product is suddenly exceeding all expectations.                                    |
| 29. Regular exercise and a balanced diet contribute to a _____ immune system.                             |
| 30. There was a sudden _____ in the number of visitors to the website after the new feature was launched. |

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Disagreement 2. Consequences 3. Frustrated 4. Outbreak 5. Intervention 6. Cooperate 7. Criticism 8. Robust 9. Acknowledge 10. Surging

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Lockout 12. Decreased 13. Overcrowding 14. Recalled 15. Symptoms 16. Individuals 17. Propelled 18. Anticipated 19. Directive 20. Endanger

**Matching sentence:** 1. Disruption 2. Inspect 3. Directive 4. Fuselage 5. Endanger 6. Cooperate 7. Controversial 8. Surging 9. Robust 10. Spike

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