Timeline of Events: Multistate Outbreak of Listeriosis Linked to Whole Cantaloupes from Jensen Farms in Colorado—United States, 2011

September 6 September 8 September 11 September 14 September 12 September 13 PulseNet defines outbreak strains in CO **Outbreak Identification** CDC asks states to use the supplemental **Preliminary** CDC posts initial FDA issues a CDC posts patients and identifies an ill person in NE and questionnaire created by CDPHE to learn traceback web announcement statement that another web and Source Implication another in TX, each infected with an outbreak investigation update about about the more about cantaloupe eaten by ill persons. public health strain of Listeria. Initial interviews of 7 ill the investigation, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) begins suggests that investigation, officials have persons in CO with standard CDC questionnaire investigation with initial information collected cantaloupe including a saying that the discovered that find all ate cantaloupe. Three ill persons report warning that September 2 by CDPHE to identify sources of cantaloupe produced at multistate outbreak most ill persons The Colorado Department of eating "Rocky Ford" cantaloupe. eaten by ill persons. Jensen Farms and of listeriosis is linked the multistate consumed Public Health and Environment marketed as "Rocky to cantaloupes cantaloupe outbreak of (CDPHE) notifies the Centers for Ford" was sold listeriosis has marketed as Rocky purchased whole, Disease Control and Prevention been linked to September 9 at several retail most likely marketed September 7 Ford, and warning (CDC) of seven ill persons with CDPHE announces that cantaloupes locations where ill cantaloupes from CDC begins coordinating the multistate persons at high risk from the Rocky Ford are the likely cause of illness and warns listeriosis (Listeria infection) persons reported nationwide not to Jensen Farms. investigation. region of CO. reported since 8/29/11. high-risk CO residents not to eat them. buying cantaloupe. eat them. DATES OF CLINICAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 September 15 - Present **PERSONS** CDC and states continue to conduct surveillance for outbreak illnesses. A team of CDC epidemiologists deploys to Colorado to assist CDPHE in assessing exposures and outcomes among pregnant women. ╛ Illnesses that began during this time may not yet be reported NUMBER OF 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 SEPTEMBER DATES OF CLINICAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION September 8 September 11 September 23 September 10 September 19 October 18 **Regulatory Actions,** Cantaloupes are FDA and CDPHE Cantaloupe samples collected by CDPHE Carol's Cuts of Kansas City, Cantaloupes and FDA issues a warning Recalls, and Results of collected by CDPHE for visit Jensen Farms on 9/5/11 from the home of an ill person Kansas initiates a recall of fresh environmental letter to Jensen Farms **Product Testing** Listeria testina from and on 9/8/11 from 2 retail locations cut cantaloupe and cut mixed for an inspection samples collected at based on the presence retail locations where fruit containing cantaloupe and to collect yield Listeria. Jensen Farms by FDA of the outbreak ill persons reported environmental and because the cantaloupe was vield an outbreak strains of Listeria in September 5 buying cantaloupes. product samples. strain of Listeria. produced by Jensen Farms. environmental and September 14 Cantaloupes are The broker for cantaloupe samples FDA announces that Jensen Farms has issued collected by CDPHE for October 6 Jensen Farms stops a voluntary recall of their whole cantaloupes. taken on 9/10. September 22 Listeria testing from the September 9 Fruit Fresh Up of Buffalo, New distribution of Cantaloupes are collected FDA, along with Colorado home of an ill person. cantaloupes and York initiates a recall of individual October 19 state and local officials, by FDA for *Listeria* testing tells grocery stores September 16 packages of fresh cut cantaloupe FDA announces findings

A sample of cantaloupe collected by CDPHE

Farms yields an outbreak strain of Listeria.

from 2 retail location stores supplied by Jensen

from retail locations

buying cantaloupes.

where ill persons reported

to remove Jensen

Farms cantaloupes

from shelves.

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