

1 case of hepatitis A in El Dorado County from recalled berries

More people are coming down with hepatitis A after eating Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Blend frozen berries purchased from Costco.

El Dorado County health officials have identified one confirmed case associated with the hepatitis A outbreak. The individual, who lives on the West Slope, sought medical attention and is improving, according to county health officials.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting as of June 4 at least 49 people in seven states have gotten hepatitis A from eating the organic frozen berries. There have been no reported deaths.

The product has been recalled, and Costco has removed it from the shelves.

The California Department of Public Health is advising consumers not to eat the frozen berries and to throw away or return any unused product to Costco. People who have consumed the product within the last 14 days should consult with their health care provider to discuss possible hepatitis A prevention and treatment options.

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

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