

LISTERIOSIS UPDATE AUGUST 31, 2008

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The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's listeriosis update, as of Sunday, August 31, 2008.

| # Total cases as of Aug. 31, 2008 | # confirmed cases | # cases under investigation |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 38 | 24 | 14 |

| # deaths among confirmed cases | # deaths where listeriosis was an underlying or contributing cause | # deaths where cause is undetermined |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 13 | 9 | 4 |

QUOTES

"Listeriosis poses a very low risk to the general population since healthy people rarely become ill when exposed to the bacteria," said Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health. "Those most at risk include pregnant women, the very old, the very young and those with weakened immune systems."

QUICK FACTS

- The average age of confirmed cases is 77.
- All confirmed cases with complete information live in an institution or were hospitalized prior to the onset of the illness. A small number of confirmed cases have information pending.
- The incubation period for Listeriosis is from three to 70 days with an average incubation period of three weeks.
- Listeriosis is a reportable disease under Ontario Regulation 569 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

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