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**LISTERIOSIS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 4, 2008****NEWS**September 4, 2008  
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The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's listeriosis update, as of Thursday, September 4, 2008.

# Total cases as of Sept. 4, 2008	# confirmed cases	# cases under investigation
36	29	7

# deaths among confirmed cases	# deaths where listeriosis was an underlying or contributing cause	# deaths where cause is undetermined
15	11	4

**QUOTES**

"I am encouraged that the number of new cases linked to this outbreak seems to be falling" said Dr. Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "However, the general public, especially those at high risk, should continue to take precautions and ensure that no recalled products are being consumed. When in doubt, throw it out."

**QUICK FACTS**

- The average age of confirmed cases is 77.
- Almost all confirmed cases with complete information live in an institution or were hospitalized prior to the onset of the illness. Two confirmed cases were not hospitalized or in an institution prior to the onset of the illness, and 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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