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**Public Health Alert
Notice to Medical Providers
Food Recall by Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese Company of Wisconsin**

On July 5, the CDC reported that 5 cases of *Listeria monocytogenes* infection, including one death, may be linked with consumption of contaminated cheese made by Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese Company of Wisconsin.

- All 5 cases were hospitalized and illness in one pregnant woman resulted in a miscarriage.
- Cases have been reported by four states: Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Ohio.
- **No cases have been reported in North Carolina.**
- Additional information regarding the outbreak can be found here:
<http://www.cdc.gov/listeria/outbreaks/cheese-07-13/index.html>

The cheese implicated in the outbreak has been recalled.

- **One of the cheeses that has been recalled ("Les Freres") was distributed in NC by Whole Foods Market, including their store in Asheville.**
 - The product label reads "Les Freres Crave Brothers PO-RK" and has a PLU of "294473".
- **Any remaining recalled product should not be consumed and should be discarded.**
- Whole Foods Market stores are offering a full refund to those who return the product with a receipt.

Please consider advising your high-risk patients (pregnant women, immunocompromised individuals, and older adults) to destroy this food item if they have purchased it.

- For more info on advice to consumers see <http://www.cdc.gov/listeria/outbreaks/cheese-07-13/advice-consumers.html>

Please notify the Buncombe County Dept. of Health Disease Control staff *immediately* (250-5109) if you suspect or diagnose Listeriosis.

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