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Mung bean sprouts may contain salmonella bacteria

Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care issue warning for mung bean sprouts manufactured by Toronto Sun Wah Trading Company

NEWMARKET –York Region Health Services is reminding residents that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care have issued a warning to the public not to consume Toronto Sun Wah Trading Company bean sprouts (mung bean sprouts/Holland Enterprises Inc.) because they may be contaminated with Salmonella. There have been a number of reported illnesses associated with the consumption of this product.

Sun Wah Bean Sprouts are sold in packages of various weights and may also be packaged under different private label name. York Region residents who have purchased bean sprouts and are not sure of the manufacturer should verify it with the point of purchase to determine the specific manufacturer.

Food contaminated with *Salmonella* may not look or smell spoiled. However, consumption of food contaminated with this bacterium may cause salmonellosis, a foodborne illness. In young children, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems, salmonellosis may cause serious and sometimes deadly infections. Salmonellosis may also cause short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, vomiting, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. Residents who are experiencing these symptoms should contact their physician.

York Region Health Services is currently working with various other agencies to investigate this outbreak and to monitor the effectiveness of the recall.

Some information published in this public service announcement has been provided by the CFIA (www.inspection.gc.ca).

For more information on this or other health-related questions, contact York Regional Health Services *Health Connection* at 1-800-361-5653 or visit www.york.ca

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