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Pediatric Salmonella Case in Amador

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health confirms one case of *Salmonella* Hadar infection in a child associated with a multistate outbreak. Health Officials in 28 states are investigating this outbreak linked to contact with backyard poultry, such as chickens and ducks.

Whether you are a first time chicken or duck owner or experienced with backyard poultry, you should always keep in mind the simple things you can do to stay safe:

- Always wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Wear shoes specifically reserved for caring for your poultry and keep them outside of your home. Do not wear those shoes inside of your house.
- Do not let live poultry live inside your home.

This outbreak investigation revealed that the chicks and ducklings were obtained from several sources including agricultural stores, websites, and hatcheries.

Most people infected with *Salmonella* develop diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps. These symptoms begin 6 hours to 6 days after being exposed to the bacteria. The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days. Children younger than 5, adults 65 years of age and older, and individuals with weakened immune systems are more likely to have severe illness. Some severe cases require hospitalization.

For more information on this outbreak investigation please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: <https://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/backyardpoultry-05-20/index.html>

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