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## Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. Announces Recall of 11 oz. and 5 oz. Organic Spinach and Spring Mix Blend - May be Contaminated with E.coli O157:H7

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**ROCHESTER, NY** - Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. is recalling approximately 31,000 lbs. of Wegmans Organic Spinach and Spring Mix sold in 5 oz. (UPC 77890 16437) and 11 oz. (UPC 77890 16411) clam shell packages in the produce department of its stores in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, and Massachusetts between October 14 and November 1 due to possible *E.coli* O157:H7.

The product, a blend of organic spinach and spring mix, has been associated with 16 reported illnesses in New York State from *E.coli* O157:H7, which may cause a diarrheal illness, often with bloody stools. The symptoms usually appear about three days after exposure, but can range from one to nine days. Although most people recover without specific treatment in five to 10 days, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death. If you have consumed Wegmans Organic Spinach & Spring Mix and have experienced any symptoms such as diarrhea or abdominal cramps, please contact your health care provider.

The product is supplied to Wegmans by State Garden, Inc. based in Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Wegmans has worked closely with the New York State Department of Health and Department of Agriculture and Markets since learning that illnesses may be associated with this product.

Test results indicate that only product with a use-by-date of October 23 is connected to the reported illnesses, but out of an abundance of caution Wegmans has removed all code dates of the product, up to and including November 9, from its stores and has called all customers who purchased this product using their Shopper Club card, regardless of the code date purchased.

Consumers who have purchased this product should discard any that remains in their homes and visit the service desk at Wegmans for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Wegmans consumer affairs department toll free at 1(800) WEGMANS (934-6267) Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

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