

Collaborative Insights: Detecting Lead and Chromium in Cinnamon Fruit Pureés

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DESCRIPTION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and state and local partners are investigating a link between blood lead levels (BLLs) ≥ 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ in children consuming certain cinnamon-containing apple purée and applesauce products manufactured in Ecuador. APHL and CSTE are hosting a webinar that will describe the joint investigation and the importance of collaboration in identifying the contaminated product. Speakers will describe how actions by public health partners in North Carolina helped identify an implicated product, ways in which other state partners contributed to the investigation and regulatory actions taken to date.

AUDIENCE

This webinar is intended for SLTT public health partners (e.g., laboratorians, epidemiologists, environmental health specialists, regulators, etc.) interested in learning more about the fruit purée investigation.

OBJECTIVES

After completing this webinar the participant will be able to:

- Describe how investigators determined the source of lead contamination
- Recognize the importance of collaboration between public health partners during this investigation
- Explain actions taken to date to remove contaminated product from the food supply

SPEAKERS

Presenters

- **Arthur Chang, MD MS**, chief medical officer, CDC National Center for Environmental Health
- **Stic Harris, DVM MPH**, director, FDA Coordinated Outbreak Response & Evaluation (CORE) Network
- **Scott Shone, PhD, HCLD(ABB)**, director, North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health
- **Elizabeth Wasilevich, PhD MPH**, senior epidemiologist, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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Level of Instruction:

- **BASIC:** Entry level; no prior knowledge of the subject is necessary.

Moderator

Robyn Randolph, MS, manager, APHL

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