

November 19, 2024

Dear Costco Member,

Costco records indicate that you, or one of your add-on members, purchased Cal-Organic Farms Whole Organic Carrots packaged in a six pound bag, item# 1352 between August 15 and September 30, 2024. This item purchased during the above timeframe has been recalled, because it may have been contaminated with Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) O121:H19.

*E. coli* O121:H19 is a bacterium that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, elderly people, and those with a weakened immune system. Some infections can cause severe bloody diarrhea conditions, such as a hemolytic uremic syndrome, or the development of high blood pressure,



chronic kidney disease, and neurologic problems. Symptoms include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea, fever, nausea, and/or vomiting. The incubation period for *E. coli* O121:H19 in humans can range from 24 hours to as much as ten days. The average incubation period is 3 to 4 days.

The recalled carrots may be in consumers' refrigerators or freezers. If you purchased this item between August 15 and September 30, 2024, and

still have these products in your home, do not consume them. Clean and sanitize surfaces they may have touched. Throw away unused product and go to Costco for a full refund. Consumers concerned about an illness should contact a medical professional.

Please call Grimmway Farms at 1-866-912-9552, M-F, 8 am - 8 pm ET, or visit <u>www.grimmway.com</u> if you have any issues or concerns.

Thank you

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