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To Our Valued Customers:

Today the CDC issued an alert **advising U.S. consumers not to eat any romaine lettuce, and retailers and restaurants not to serve or sell any until they learn more about the outbreak.**

Out of an abundance of caution and in response to this alert **WE WILL NOT BE SELLING** any Romaine or Romaine products until further notice.

This CDC recommendation is based on illnesses reported on dates ranging from October 8, 2018 to October 31, 2018 from 11 states. People usually get sick from Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) 2–8 days (average of 3–4 days) after swallowing the germ.

The CDC has not identified the source of the outbreak and has not recalled any specific products or lots. At this time, no common grower, supplier, distributor, or brand of romaine lettuce has been identified.

As always, we will let you know as soon as we hear anything else regarding this situation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your sales rep with any questions.

- Jennifer Smith
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