

**LISTERIOSIS UPDATE OCTOBER 22, 2008****NEWS**October 22, 2008  
2008/nr-094

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's listeriosis update as of Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

# Total cases as of Oct. 22, 2008	# confirmed cases	# cases under investigation
46	40	6

# deaths among confirmed cases	# deaths where listeriosis was an underlying or contributing cause	# deaths where cause is undetermined
22	15	7

**QUOTES**

"It's clear now that the worst of the outbreak is over," said Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health. "At the same time, the public health system continues to be vigilant for potential new cases of listeriosis because of the long incubation period of the disease."

**QUICK FACTS**

- The average age of confirmed cases is 77.
- Almost all confirmed cases with complete information live in an institution or were hospitalized prior to the onset of the illness. Four confirmed cases were not hospitalized or did not reside in an institution prior to the onset of the illness, and a small number of confirmed cases have information pending.
- The incubation period for Listeriosis is from three to 70 days with an average incubation period of three weeks.
- Listeriosis is a reportable disease under Ontario Regulation 569 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

**LEARN MORE**

For an up-to-date list on this recall and other [CFIA consumer food recalls](#) online

Find out more about the [Listeriosis](#) outbreak online

Contact your [local public health unit](#)

**For public inquiries call ServiceOntario, INFOline at 1-866-532-3161 (Toll-free in Ontario only)**

Media Contacts:  
Andrew Morrison, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care,  
416-314-6197

**ontario.ca/health-news**  
*Disponible en français*