

# Hawkins County Schools

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Parents and Families of Hawkins County Students,

NETCO, a school food service cooperative serving 14 districts in Northeast Tennessee, was alerted by Gordon Food Service that Hom/Ade Foods had issued a voluntary recall of Mary B's brand frozen biscuits due to a possible contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes*. Upon receiving notice of the recall, our nutrition department immediately pulled, destroyed, and discarded all products that were included in the recall.

Prior to receiving the recall notice, the biscuits in question had been served in schools prior to the holiday break and on January 3, 2018, at schools that served breakfast. According to Hom/Ade foods, the baking process should kill the bacteria, and the company says no illnesses have been reported in connection with the recall. More information about the recall may be found at [www.homadefoods.com](http://www.homadefoods.com). Additional information about *Listeria monocytogenes* may be found at [www.cdc.gov/listeria](http://www.cdc.gov/listeria).

Over a dozen Mary B's frozen bagged biscuit products involved in the recall were also sold in stores after being distributed to the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

This is a national recall which also is being communicated by Food City, Food Lion, Publix and other affected grocery stores in the 23 states listed above.

Should additional information regarding this recall be received, Hawkins County Schools will share that information with parents and families.

Respectfully,

Steve Starnes