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Recall of Taco Snack Product

ARLINGTON, Texas, February 20, 2010 – The AISD food and nutrition services department has received notice that a product recall has been initiated by Huntington Meats, which provides meat ingredients for the Fernando Taco Snack, a product on AISD menus as a taco roll. This item was last served on the menu districtwide on Wednesday, Feb. 3 and was also served as a filler throughout the month at various campuses.

The health and safety of students and staff is always a top priority. After notification, the product was removed from stock immediately, and any other food that may have come in contact with the product was also removed. In addition, the storage areas have been cleaned and sanitized. The AISD administration consulted with the city's public health authority, Dr. Cynthia Simmons, and will continue to work closely with Dr. Simmons and the USDA.

The product was recalled due to possible contamination of E. Coli bacteria. According to the CDC, the E. Coli incubation period is 3 – 4 days after exposure but may be as short as 1 day or as long as 10 days. While the risk of illness is very small, anyone who becomes ill with symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, fever, abdominal pain or cramping should contact their health care provider immediately.

For more information from the city's public health authority, contact Cheryel Carpenter at 817-459-6404 or cheryel.carpenter@arlingtontx.gov.

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