

Notice of Recall – Virginia Department of Health

On December 26, 2019, the Virginia Department of Health was notified by the U.S Food and Drug Association (FDA) that there was an epidemiological link between a Norovirus outbreak and Virginia oysters consumed in Colorado. This recall is an extension of the prior voluntary recall issued by the shipping dealer on December 27, 2019, and has been issued out of an abundance of caution and after consultation with FDA.

All shellfish harvested from December 1, 2019 through January 11, 2020, from the implicated portion of the Parrott Island growing area in the Rappahannock River is being recalled. The area was originally closed on December 26, 2019, with an extension of the closure being issued on January 11, 2020, after consultation with FDA. The area of concern shall include that portion of the Rappahannock River surrounding Parrott Island from the island inland and upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°36'50.7", -76°25'59.2"), map coordinate (37°36'20.3", -76°24'18.0"), map coordinate (37°35'31.2", -76°24'33.9"), map coordinate (37°35'09.6", -76°24'36.8"), and (37°34'55.5", -76°24'31.5"). At this time, the only oysters affected by this recall are from lease numbers 18403, 18417, and 19260 in the Rappahannock River and shipped by Rappahannock River Oyster Company (VA-1251-SS and VA-1616-SS) to include any identification of the original shipper being VA-1260-SS.

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLOSES PARROTT ISLAND TO SHELLFISH HARVESTING

(RICHMOND, Va.)— The Virginia Department of Health announced today that the shellfish harvesting waters surrounding Parrot Island in the Rappahannock River in Middlesex County are closed to the harvest of oysters and clams effective January 11, 2020. This closure is an extension of the prior emergency closure and has been issued out of an abundance of caution after consultation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in order to satisfy the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance. The original closure was a result of notification from FDA that a Norovirus outbreak had been epidemiologically linked to shellfish harvested from this area. A recall is being issued for the implicated oysters from 12/1/2019 through 1/11/2020.

Maps of the affected areas are posted on the Division of Shellfish Sanitation's website and can be found at:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/20/2020/01/EmerCond031-102A.pdf>.

The affected shellfish are bivalve mollusks including oysters and clams, but not crabs or fin fish.

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