

## Frequently Asked Questions on McDonald's Food Safety

### 1. When will Quarter Pounder® burgers be available at my local restaurant?

Quarter Pounder burgers are available, with slivered onions, on all restaurant menus nationwide.

### 2. Are Quarter Pounder burgers safe to eat?

Yes. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) closed their investigations into E. Coli at McDonald's and confirmed the outbreak is over. They also confirmed there were no new reported illnesses associated with consumers eating at McDonald's following our swift and decisive action on October 22, 2024.

### 3. Did health authorities close their investigations?

Yes. The CDC and the FDA closed their investigations into E. Coli at McDonald's on December 3 and confirmed the outbreak is over. They also confirmed there were no new reported illnesses associated with consumers eating at McDonald's following our swift and decisive action on October 22, 2024. Therefore, the outbreak can now be classified as "closed" and remediated. This also closes out all known public health reviews of the issue.

### 4. Is the outbreak contained?

Yes. As shared by the CDC and the FDA, there have been no new reported illnesses since McDonald's took action on October 22, 2024. They have now classified the outbreak closed and over.

### 5. What have you heard from public health authorities?

On October 27, the Colorado Department of Agriculture shared the [results](#) of their testing which confirm that there was no detection of E. coli in the samples taken of Quarter Pound beef patties from restaurants in the affected area.

On October 28, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) issued a statement regarding their investigation, indicating evidence does not point to ground beef as the likely source of contamination, and they have no plans for further testing for beef patties.

On October 30, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced they have now linked this outbreak, which appears to be contained, to slivered onions as the likely source. Due to McDonald's swift action, they report the risk to the public continues to be very low.

On November 13, the FDA shared there does not appear to be a continued food safety concern related to this outbreak at McDonald's restaurants.

On November 13, the CDC provided an update that they continue to believe the risk to the public is low.

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