

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

3. Is the outbreak contained?

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4. 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.