

Frequently Asked Questions on McDonald's Food Safety

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

We are excited to have Quarter Pounder burgers back on the menu in all restaurants.

2. Are Quarter Pounder burgers safe to eat?

Yes. We have identified another McDonald's supplier to provide slivered onions for the approximately 900 restaurants that had previously been supplied by Taylor Farms' Colorado Springs facility. We expect that Quarter Pounder burgers will be available with slivered onions at all locations in the coming week.

3. Were any other burgers on the menu impacted?

As CDC noted in their original advisory, the investigation identified slivered onions sourced from a single supplier as a potential source. Other menu items that use non-slivered onions that are sourced from a different supplier have not been linked to this outbreak.

4. Are all slivered onions from Taylor Farms' Colorado Springs facility now removed from McDonald's supply chain?

Yes. McDonald's removed slivered onions from this facility from our supply chain on October 22 and decided to stop sourcing onions from Taylor Farms' Colorado Springs facility indefinitely.

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. There is no further testing planned 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 and there have been no confirmed cases since McDonald's took action to remove slivered onions.