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## Outbreak of E. coli foodborne illness in (

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There is currently an outbreak of food borne illness caused by a specific strain of the bacterium *E. coli* O157:H7, also known as EHEC, the illness is occurring among the civilian population in northern Germany.

Consuming food or water that has been contaminated with these bacteria can cause illness. In some cases, these bacteria can cause a severe, potentially life-threatening form of the illness (HUS).

According to the Robert Koch Institute, Germany's national disease control and prevention agency, there have been hundreds of illnesses caused by EHEC. This includes at least 214 cases of HUS and 10 deaths in the U.S. military community. The source of the bacteria is uncertain; however, German vegetables as a potential source. Past outbreaks of these types of *E. coli* have involved ground beef, vegetables, fruits, raw milk, and water.

People can become ill after consuming contaminated food that has not been properly prepared. Young children, less than five years of age, elderly people, and individuals with other illnesses have the most serious forms of the illness.

Until more information is released by German public health officials, Public Health Command Regional Medical Command health officials encourage everyone to practice safe food handling. This includes washing hands before preparing food and before eating, storing food at proper temperatures, washing fruits and vegetables prior to eating and not allowing cooked food to sit at room temperature.

If German health officials identify a specific food product as the source of this outbreak, the command will communicate the food safety risk through military-related news media and command channels.

Persons who develop diarrhea should practice strict hand hygiene, drink plenty of fluids, and seek medical attention if there is a presence of visible blood. Those who have health concerns and develop a foodborne illness should contact their healthcare provider. Anyone with bloody diarrhea should see their provider or seek medical attention.

### For more information:

Safe food handling fact sheets for vegetables and fruits are available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/food/resourcesforyou/consumers/ucm114299>

Safe food handling fact sheets for meat products are available at

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/factsheets/safe\\_food\\_handling\\_fact\\_sheets/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/factsheets/safe_food_handling_fact_sheets/index.asp)

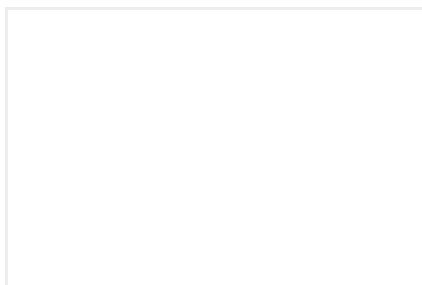
An overview of information regarding enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* can be found at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/nczved/divisions/dfbmd/diseases/enterohemorrhagic\\_ecoli/te](http://www.cdc.gov/nczved/divisions/dfbmd/diseases/enterohemorrhagic_ecoli/te)

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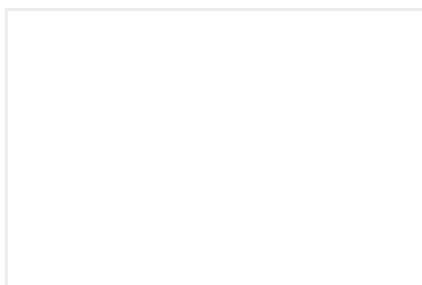
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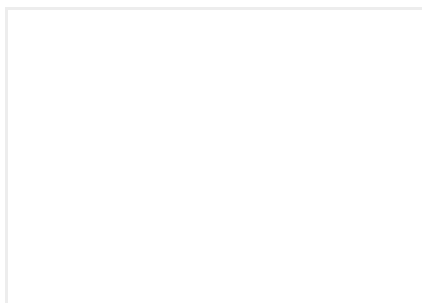
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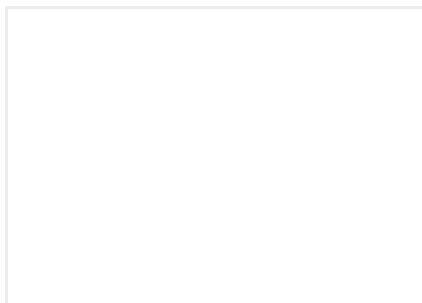
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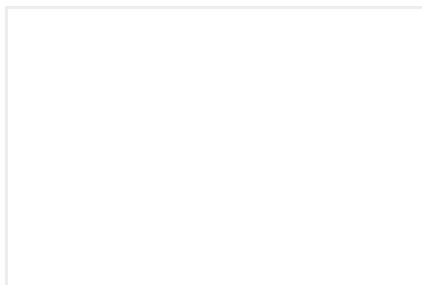
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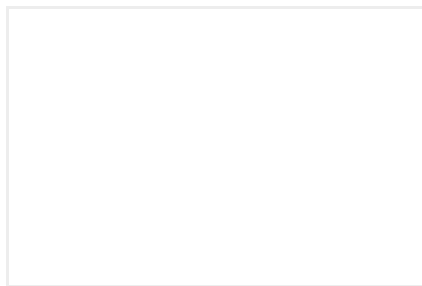
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Ten U.S. soldiers from the 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 18th Air Force, competed with 40 foreign-national soldiers from the 18th CSSB, competed with 40 foreign-national soldiers from the 18th CSSB, Germany during the Tri-Nation Competition hosted by the Joint Multinational Training Center Grafenwoehr, Germany, and in Hradiste, a location southeast of the Czech Republic.

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On this day in 1948, U.S. and British pilots begin delivering food and supplies by airplane to the Soviet Union blockade.

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