

**Hepatitis A
in staff member at
Littleton, CO
grocery store**
Infected food handler in the
produce department may
have passed on the virus



Transmission of Hepatitis A happens through the fecal-oral route. Virus-containing poop remaining on hands after using the toilet is a risk.



Albertsons shoppers may have been exposed to virus between April 6 and April 21, 2009

Tri-County (Colorado) Health says a produce worker at Albertsons on West Bowles in Littleton tested positive for Hepatitis A. It's a disease that can be passed to anyone who may have eaten food directly handled by that employee.

The Tri-County Health Department said the warning applies specifically to those who have bought green onions, celery that has had the leaves trimmed, any lettuce that was not pre-bagged, or any pre-cut watermelon, cantaloupe or honeydew melon.

Officials said on April 19th that about 3,000 of these items were sold at the store.

- Handwashing can reduce the chance of passing Hepatitis A to patrons.
- Keep the poop (yours or others) off your hands.
- You may pass the virus in your poop for over a month without knowing you have it.