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CRYPTOSPORIDIUM ADVISORY FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Central District Health Department Asks Medical Providers to Consider *Cryptosporidium* as Part of Enteric Testing for Raw Milk Consumers with Diarrheal Illness

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In the past week, three cases of cryptosporidiosis have been confirmed among individuals who consumed raw goat milk produced by Treasured Sunrise Acres. On August 30, 2014, public health officials were notified that the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) halted sales for all raw milk produced by the dairy on or after August 24th because *Cryptosporidium* was detected in the milk. The dairy distributes raw milk through retail outlets located in Boise, Star, Caldwell, Parma, and Ketchum. Press releases from the ISDA and Southwest District Health have urged residents who have consumed the raw milk products and are experiencing symptoms to contact their health care provider.

This outbreak and the recent *Campylobacter* outbreak linked to a raw milk dairy in Utah serve as reminders that raw milk is a high risk food item. Individuals at increased risk of severe illness such as young children, pregnant women, elderly, and those who are immunocompromised should be advised to avoid consuming raw or unpasteurized dairy products.

If you suspect that a patient has diarrheal illness associated with raw milk consumption please consider *Cryptosporidium* testing as part of a standard enteric screening. Public health officials may be able to offer testing of clinical specimens. If able, *Cryptosporidium*-positive stool samples should be submitted to the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories for speciation and genotyping.

For more information on food safety and raw milk, see <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/rawmilk/raw-milk-index.html> or contact the Office of Communicable Disease Control at 327-8625.

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