

Iowa RRT Update



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Appeals, & Licensing

Food Emergency Response Plan

- ▶ Finalized in July 2025
- ▶ How the State of Iowa will prepare for and conduct a rapid response to significant threats to food safety and public health



The Center for
Food Security
& Public Health

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Foodborne Illness Investigation Manual

- ▶ Old Manual
 - ▶ Data focused
 - ▶ Not updated since created in 2006
- ▶ New Manual
 - ▶ Utilized MN CoE
 - ▶ Created to be more of guidance
 - ▶ Pending review

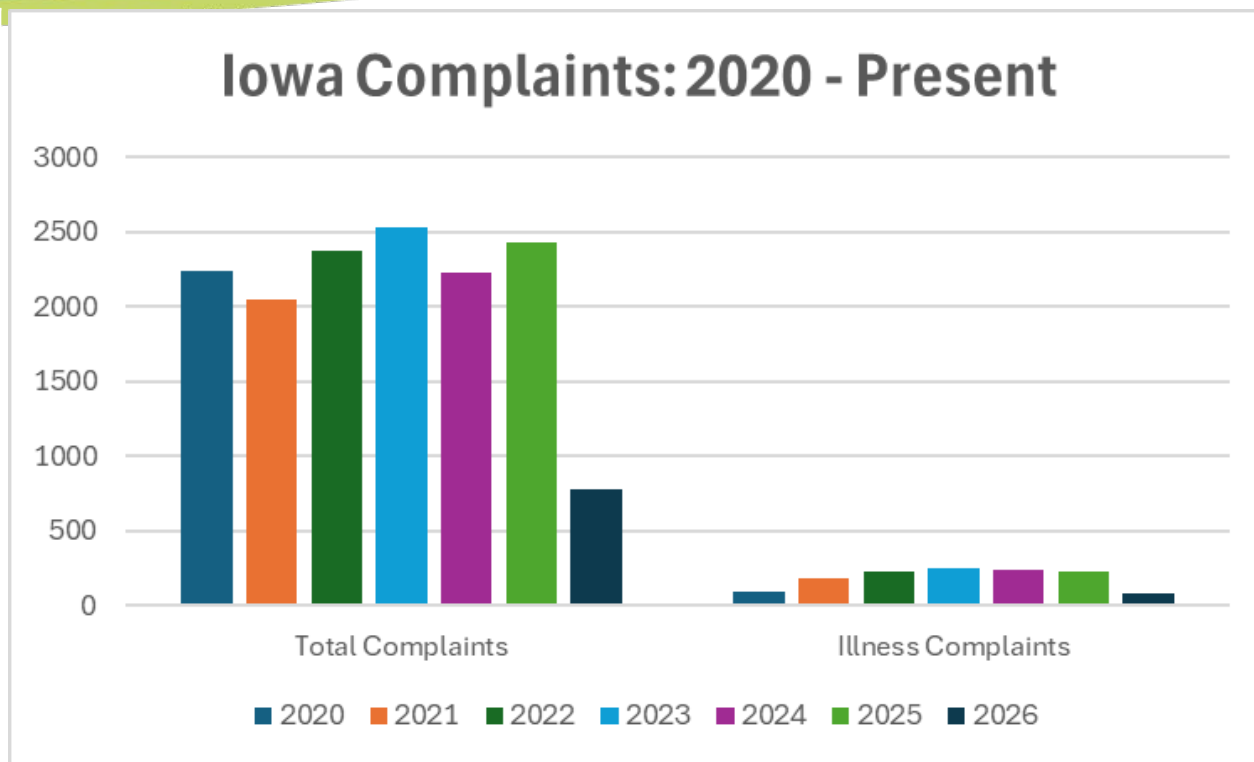


FOODBORNE ILLNESS OUTBREAK MANUAL

Response Protocol and Strategy for Foodborne Illness Outbreaks in Iowa
Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology

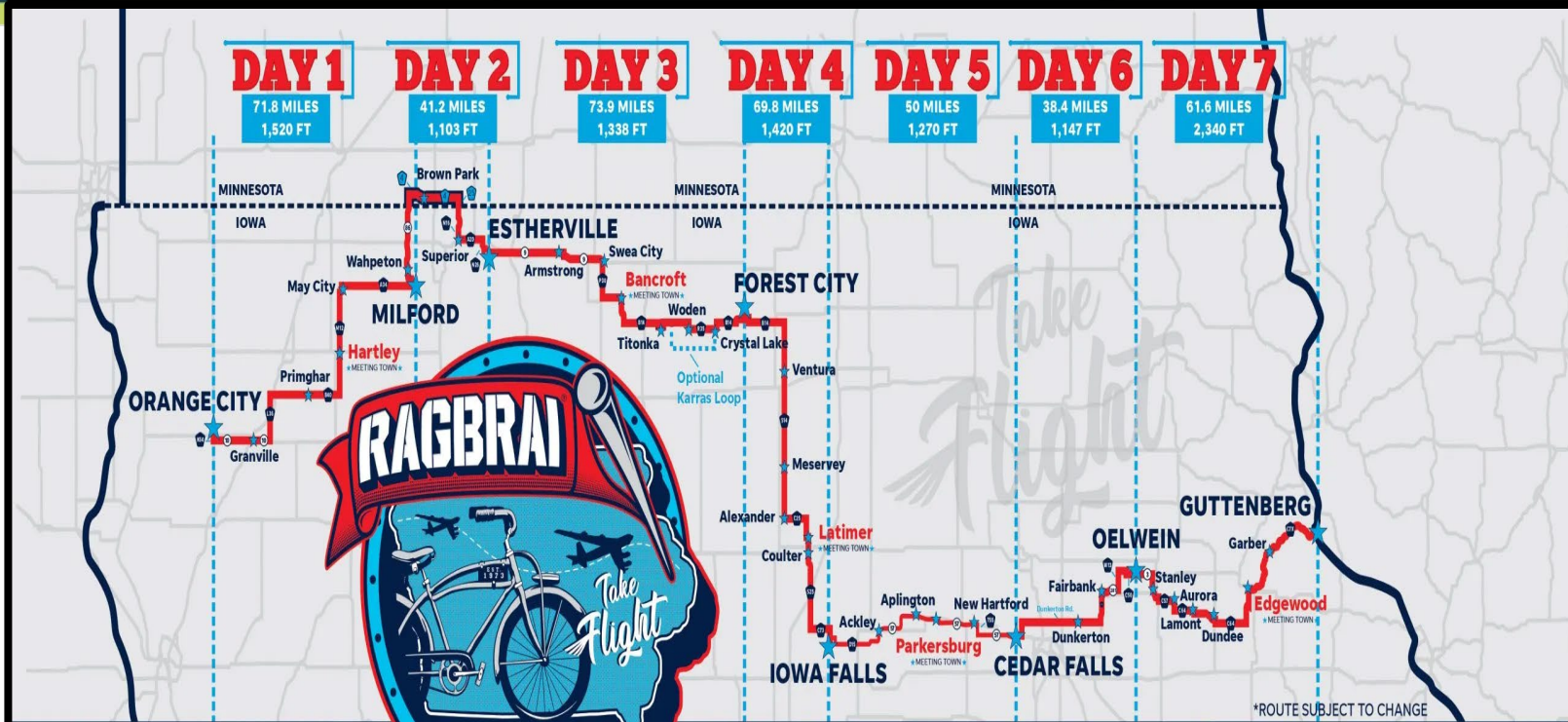
Complaint Response

Year	Total Complaints	Illness Complaints	Environmental Assessments Conducted	Emergency Responses
2020	2243	94	6	52
2021	2054	178	21	119
2022	2370	230	15	100
2023	2532	244	28	120
2024	2234	238	16	82
2025	2433	230	7	43
2026	780	86	2	14



ICS Activation

- ▶ RAGBRAI - Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa
- ▶ Annual activation held between July 19-26, 2025



ORANGE CITY to GUTTENBERG
July 19-26, 2025

RAGBRAI[®]

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An Iowa Classic
July 18-25, 2026

391.4 MILES 16,027 FT OF CLIMB

DAY 0 - EXPO

ONAWA

DAY 1

HARLAN

DAY 2

GUTHRIE CENTER

DAY 3

BOONE

DAY 4

MARSHALLTOWN

DAY 5

INDEPENDENCE

DAY 6

DYERSVILLE

DAY 7

DUBUQUE

Recall Audit Checks



- ▶ 59 total Recall Effective/Audit Checks
- ▶ 4 Retail locations had product available for sale
- ▶ Identified additional locations to visit

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

ByHeart Updates Information Regarding Voluntary Recall of all Batches of ByHeart Whole Nutrition Infant Formula Cans and Packs Because of Possible Health Risk

Summary

Company Announcement Date:	November 11, 2025
FDA Publish Date:	November 11, 2025
Product Type:	Food & Beverages Foodborne Illness
Reason for Announcement:	Potential Foodborne Illness – Clostridium botulinum
Company Name:	ByHeart Inc.
Brand Name:	ByHeart
Product Description:	Whole Nutrition Infant formula 24 oz cans and 0.6oz packets

Complaint: ByHeart

- ▶ Complaint received that ByHeart Infant Formula would be sold at a Liquidation sale in Council Bluffs, Iowa
- ▶ Flea market type sales in a commercial building
- ▶ No contact information



Complaint: ByHeart

- ▶ Regulatory Authority?
- ▶ DIAL does not have a social media presence
- ▶ HHS has an educational outreach social media account

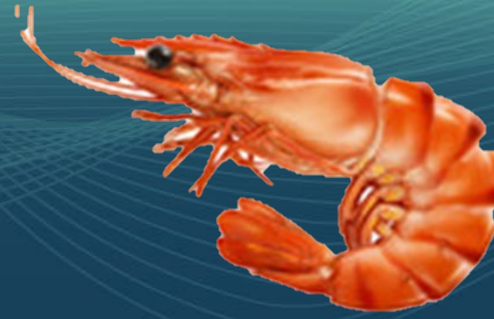


Complaint: ByHeart

- ▶ HHS was able to contact the seller
- ▶ Approximately 40 items destroyed
- ▶ Unknown timeframe product came into possession
- ▶ Local Public Health visited the sale and verified the product had been destroyed



Lead in Shrimp Paste



- ▶ Notification received from Local Public Health – Healthy Homes identified: 4 children with elevated blood lead levels
- ▶ Further findings revealed children were consuming large amounts of a shrimp paste product
- ▶ Shrimp paste sold at a retail grocery store in Des Moines, IA



Lead in Shrimp Paste

- ▶ FDA has not established regulatory limits for lead in seafood
- ▶ Product not considered adulterated or an imminent health hazard based on the lead level alone
- ▶ Factors to consider: how much is typically eaten, level of contaminant detected, and the toxicity of the contaminant



Lead in Shrimp Paste

- ▶ March 20, 2025 DIAL conducted a routine inspection at the retail location product was purchased and collected supplier information
- ▶ 103 one-pound containers, 35 two-pound containers were embargoed



Lead in Shrimp Paste

- ▶ Identified a second retail location in Des Moines, IA selling the same paste; more embargoed product
- ▶ State Public Health weighs in
- ▶ Additional samples taken



Lead in Shrimp Paste

- ▶ Iowa's State Medical Director and State Epidemiologist determined embargoed products were unsafe for human consumption
- ▶ FDA assisted in identifying other locations where this product was distributed in Iowa



COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Gusto Group Inc. Recalls Shrimp Paste (Klong Kone) '454 G. (1 LBS)' and '910 G. (2 LBS)' because of Possible Health Risk

Summary

Company Announcement Date:	January 08, 2026
FDA Publish Date:	January 08, 2026
Product Type:	Food & Beverages
Reason for Announcement:	Potential Metal Contaminant - Lead
Company Name:	Gusto Group Inc.
Brand Name:	Klong Kone
Product Description:	Klong Kone Shrimp Paste



Thank you!

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