

Dear Parent/Care Giver,

RE: FROZEN BERRIES ALLEGED LINK TO HEPATITIS A

As you may be aware all Patties Foods Ltd. frozen berry products including Nanna's and Creative Gourmet brands have been nationally recalled due to an potential link with cases of Hepatitis A in other states.

Some stock of the recalled batch was identified yesterday in our canteen. None of the affected products had been opened or used in products consumed by students. The product has previously been used in the canteen in muffins. However, our understanding is that this implicated product has not been used in the canteen this year.

While any potential exposure to the Hepatitis A virus is considered to be low, we need to pass on this important information to you.

SA Health Communicable Disease Control Branch advice is that:

- **Hepatitis A incubation period is 15 – 50 days but usually 28 – 30 days.** The SA Health fact sheet is attached.
- There have been no reported notifiable cases of Hepatitis A in SA that are associated with the consumption of frozen berries.
- Any parent/care giver who is concerned about their child's health should monitor for symptoms and contact/visit their GP. The attached fact sheet from SA Health outlines the signs and symptoms to look for.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Tony Lunniss
Principal

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