UPDATES

Health notices · Monday 7 September

3 notices from the agencies today, in plain words, each with the original linked.

Ready to eat salads and cream cheese recalled over possible Listeria contamination

CDC · Food safety

CDC says Made Fresh Salads, Inc. (Bay Shore, NY) is recalling all Ready to Eat Deli Style Salads and cream cheese.

The products may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections.

Young children and people who are frail or elderly are especially at risk. If you have these products, the recall means you should assume they may be unsafe.

Read the original notice

Levothyroxine tablets class II subpotency notice

FDA · Recall

If you take levothyroxine sodium tablets, this FDA Class II notice is about specific tablets of 125 mcg (0.125 mg) in 1000-count bottles (Rx only).

The issue is that the tablets may be subpotent, meaning they may contain less of the active medicine than expected.

Your takeaway: because levothyroxine is used to treat thyroid hormone needs, check whether your pharmacy or the product you have matches the affected one described in the notice.

Read the original notice

FDA approves Farxiga (dapagliflozin) for several conditions

FDA · Approval

If you have chronic kidney disease or heart failure, Farxiga is now approved for helping reduce risks such as worsening kidney function, cardiovascular death, and hospitalization for heart failure.

If you have type 2 diabetes, Farxiga is approved to help improve blood sugar as well as reduce risk of heart-failure hospitalization in some people with heart disease or multiple heart risks.

Farxiga also has important limitations: it is not recommended to improve blood sugar in type 1 diabetes, and it may not be recommended in certain kidney function levels or other specific kidney situations.

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Where this comes from

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  CDC - food safety · https://tools.cdc.gov/podcasts/download.asp?m=316422&c=766386
- Levothyroxine tablets class II subpotency notice

  US Food and Drug Administration - enforcement report · https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/drug-recalls
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