

Update to Recall-1/31/20- One shipment was delivered to Florida. Florida Shellfish Authorities were notified today. No other distribution outside of Virginia has been identified.

Notice of Recall –Virginia –issued 1/30/2020

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Division of Shellfish Safety is conducting a recall of shellstock oysters from Chessie Seafood and Aquafarms (VA1033SS) in Hayes, Virginia, due to reports of oyster-associated norovirus illness. This recall includes oysters harvested from the following leases in the York River in Virginia; Lease 17225, Lease 22196, and Lease 20133. The recall effects product harvested on January 14, 2020 through January 30, 2020. Chessie Seafood and Aquafarms (VA1033SS) is in the process of contacting their customers.

VDH received reports of gastrointestinal illness from persons after consuming oysters (January 18, 2020) at a facility located within Virginia, which served the implicated oysters.

At this time, preliminary information obtained from the shellfish dealer indicates distribution in Virginia. If needed, VDH will contact state shellfish authorities with additional details of distribution as it becomes available.

Symptoms of norovirus usually include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. Sometimes people have a low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and a general sense of tiredness. Dehydration is the most common complication of illness. Symptoms of norovirus infection usually begin 10–50 hours after exposure. The illness is usually brief, with symptoms lasting 1–3 days. If you suspect that may have become ill from consuming raw oysters, please contact your [local health department](#). You can also log onto [My Meal Detective](#) to file an online foodborne illness report.

For more information or questions related to this recall, contact the Virginia Department of Health, Division of Shellfish Safety at (804) 864-7480.