

Update: E. coli outbreak review panel ^[1]

Work is ongoing by the Food Safety and Licensed Facility-based Child Care Review Panel to assess regulations governing food safety in child-care settings.

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In response to this outbreak, Alberta's government appointed an external panel led by former Calgary police chief Rick Hanson to review food safety in kitchens that provide food in licensed child-care facilities across Alberta and make recommendations on how to better protect children.

The panel members were selected from a wide range of backgrounds and include representation from the for-profit and not-for-profit child-care sectors, food service industry and experts in food safety and in public health.

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The panel held its first meeting on Nov. 2 and will continue to deliberate over the winter months. Its final report and recommendations are expected in spring 2024. If the panel can identify early opportunities to enhance or strengthen Alberta's food safety regulations or procedures, an interim report with recommendations may be completed.

The panel will review the Public Health Act, the Food Regulation, the Institutions Regulation, the Early Learning and Child Care Act and regulations, and any applicable standards, guidelines or operating procedures to improve food safety in licensed child-care facilities.

Central kitchen inspection update

After reinspecting the Fueling Brains Academy Centennial kitchen on Nov. 15, Alberta Health Services rescinded their closure order on Nov. 17, as all violations had been corrected.

As part of the reopening agreement, the facility can operate in a limited capacity at the Fueling Brains Academy child-care Centennial site only. It will not prepare full meals or transport food to other child-care sites. It will receive and serve meals from Meals on Wheels, a third-party contractor.

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