Cover Sheet

DATE: January 24, 2019

SUBJECT: Third Case of Rifampin/Penicillin-Resistant Strain of RB51 Brucella from Consuming Raw Milk from a Pennsylvania Farm

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Background: The attached CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) message provides information on an investigation of *Brucella* RB51 exposures linked to consuming raw milk from Miller’s Biodiversity Farm in Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

Information: There currently have been no identified exposures in Montana. Symptoms of a *Brucella* infection can include fever, sweats, malaise, anorexia, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint pain, and potentially more serious complications. Symptom onset can occur between five days and 6 months after exposure.

Recommendations: Clinicians are encouraged to be aware of possible exposures based on patients’ travel histories, and the risks of local consumption of similar products.

[Link to CDC HAN 00417](#)