

# **HEALTH EDUCATION CURRENT EVENT ARTICLE**

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**Period:** ALL

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EXAMPLE

**Source:** (use correct citation format)

Weise, Elizabeth. "Salmonella outbreak linked to jalapenos appears over". usatoday.com. 29 September 2008.  
[http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2008-08-28-cdc-salmonella\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2008-08-28-cdc-salmonella_N.htm)

**Summary of article:** (minimum of 4-5 sentences)

The author of this article reports that the food-borne illness outbreak in the U.S. is over, specifically, salmonella. Over the summer there were reports that people were becoming ill after eating jalapeno peppers and tomatoes. The FDA thinks that there may have been contaminated water in irrigation systems on different farms. Those farms may have been in Texas and New Mexico. At this time, there does not appear to be any more cases of sick people. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) did state that had the local state laboratories been involved, it would have helped the investigations and cut down on time.

**Please react to the article you read. What are some of your thoughts about what you read?**  
(minimum of 4-5 sentences)

As I read this article, I was happy to hear that tomatoes and jalapeno peppers are no longer a threat for salmonella poisoning. On the other hand, I couldn't help but feel a bit frustrated that this is even an issue. If produce is becoming contaminated, it means that there is a break down in the farm system...either with the farmers themselves, with the machinery, or with the government regulations. This issue seems to keep coming up. Why are there stricter rules being imposed? Why are farms being held to a high standard so that the general public does not keep getting sick?

**How is this, or could this be, relevant to your life?** (minimum of 4 sentences)

This is very related to my life, and the lives of other people. I love fresh vegetables! When there are threats of contamination, my health ends up in jeopardy. As an American citizen, living in a country with government agencies overseeing farms, I should be able to feel confident about eating produce without getting sick. This

would definitely be a push for me to start growing my own vegetables.

**Score Guide**

Source = 2 points

Summary = 3 points

Reaction = 3 points

Relevance = 2 points

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Not typed = -5 points

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