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Dear Home-Delivered Meal Recipient,

Mat-Su Senior Services is taking prompt and decisive action after learning of a recall of Red, Yellow, White, and Sweet Yellow Onions that were shipped across the country between May 1, 2020 and the present. The recall is due to concerns over Salmonella. We have identified that onions involved in the *Thomson International Inc. of Bakersfield, California* recall were purchased for use in our Home-Delivered Meals.

We want to assure you that all recalled onions onsite, and meals prepared with the recalled onions, have been identified and thrown out. However, some meals were already prepared and delivered prior to discovery of the potential health risk.

If you have any MSSS meals in your fridge or freezer with visible onions that were delivered between May 1<sup>st</sup> and Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, **throw them out immediately** and let us know, so we can replace it. **No one connected to MSSS has reported any symptoms.**

According to the FDA, salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Symptoms include fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

If you experience any of those symptoms after eating something containing the potentially tainted onions, you should consider contacting a medical professional.

It is an honor to be trusted with your meals. Mat-Su Senior Services is committed to providing safe and nutritional meals. Our professional kitchen staff has high standards for the ingredients that go into your meals and all ingredients are acquired from trusted sources.

Warm Regards,

Elaine Phillipps, CEO  
Mat-Su Senior Services