



Department of  
Veterans Services

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Bill Hartnett, Director

## MEMORANDUM

To: Rick Hatcher, Superintendent  
Jim Eckerle, Assistant Superintendent

From: Bill Hartnett, Director

Re: Directive DVS 09-01

Date: January 23, 2009

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I am directing that all peanut butter products in our veterans' homes in Sandusky and Georgetown be removed from our kitchens, commissaries and vending machines immediately, so that our residents are not subjected to even the slightest risk of salmonella contamination. This will include all peanut butter spread, paste, packets, cookies, crackers and any other products that contain peanut butter.

All products will be removed, even if they have not been identified as a risk and recalled. Those products will be stored safely until we are convinced that there is no risk of contamination.

All residents and staff will be made aware of this directive.

In addition, all visitors to the homes will be advised not to bring products containing peanut butter to family members and friends.