

# Mott Poll Questions



## Food Safety

*The following questions were answered by parents of children age 0-18 years.*

Q1. Have any of your children ever gotten sick from spoiled or contaminated food?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

Q2. Have any of your children gotten sick from eating spoiled or contaminated food at any of the following places?

	Yes	No	Unsure
1. School			
2. Friend's house			
3. Restaurant (including fast food)			
4. Covered dish/potluck			
5. My home			

Q3. How often do you do any of the following to keep your children's food safe in your home?

	Always	Sometimes	Rarely/ never	Not applicable
1. Wash fruits and vegetables before serving/cooking				
2. Wash your hands before preparing meals				
3. Check the expiration date on refrigerated food before serving				

Q4. If you notice that a refrigerated food product is more than two days past its expiration date, would you:

1. Smell or taste it yourself to see if it's okay to eat or if it is spoiled
2. Automatically throw it away

Q5. Do you usually do any of the following to make sure your children's food is safe when you are away from home?

	Yes	No	Not applicable
1. Check health/food inspection ratings before eating in a restaurant			
2. Avoid eating egg and mayonnaise dishes at a potluck/covered dish meal			

6. If you have a food product at home that you know has been recalled, would you:

1. Throw it away
2. Return it for a refund or a replacement
3. Use it anyway if it smells/tastes ok

*All information is the sole property of the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health. It can only be used if there is an acknowledgment that "The information came from, is copyright by and is owned by and belongs to the Regents of the University of Michigan and their C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health. It cannot be republished or used in any format without prior written permission from the University."*

**Child Health Evaluation  
and Research Center**



University of Michigan

**C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on  
Children's Health**

**Co-Director:** Sarah J. Clark, MPH  
**Co-Director:** Gary L. Freed, MD, MPH  
**Poll Manager:** Dianne C. Singer, MPH  
**Data Analyst:** Acham Gebremariam, MS  
**Research Associate:** Sara L. Schultz, BA  
**Contact:** <http://MottPoll.org>  
**Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/mottpoll>  
**Twitter:** @CSMottPoll