More than 1,200 cases of salmonella have been recorded in 43 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. At least 229 people were hospitalized and there were two associated deaths. A major concern for central valley families who often incorporate jalapenos into their diet.

Nicole Huntley manages Fresno’s Sur La Table kitchen store. When food scares like the jalapeno peppers pop up, she says customers ask for help. They’re directed to green cleaners and vegetable wash products.

By far the top of the line sanitizer is an appliance called the lotus... A smaller version of what’s commonly used in hospitals to sanitize equipment.

Your produce is placed in a bowl and filled with tap water then the machine does its job cycling water through the base which adds extra oxygen ions that flow around the produce and get rid of pesticides and bacteria.

The end result removes 99.9 percent of pesticides and bacteria from meats and produce and is 3-thousand times faster at killing germs on your countertops than chlorine bleach.

The lotus has a hefty price tag: $170.

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