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In September 2016, the first two documented cases in Canada of M. Chymaera infection after cardiac surgery where diagnosed at the MHI. Shortly thereafter on October 13th 2016, based on a report in the Washington Post of 28 patients infected in 6 centers in the USA, the CDC emitted a recommendation to establish a communication plan to reach cardiac surgical patients at risk for this infection. We describe the process of crisis management of a recall of 8000 patients at the MHI and 23000 patients overall in the province of Quebec as well as the communication strategy and investigation scheme to detect potential additional cases. In total, 6 cases were ultimately identified from the Montreal Heart Institute cohort.