How fast bacteria grow at room temperature:
The danger zone - 40° -140°F

Start 1 germ
30 minutes 4 germs
1 hour 16 germs
1 1/2 hours 64 germs
2 hours - 256 germs
2 1/2 hours - 1024 germs
3 1/2 hours – 16,382 germs
4 hours – 65,386 germs
5 hours – 1,048,576 germs

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