Unconfirmed Gastrointestinal Illness Complaint Investigation Protocol

LHD Notified of Complaint

- Complete Form A or equivalent OR complete RFP report (screens 1-5 and 9 minimally)

Enter into foodborne illness LOG - RFP or other format

Complete MI GI Complaint Interview Form(s) or equivalent

Determine appropriate follow-up & investigation documentation

Isolated Complaints

- Is illness later confirmed to be a rare & severe disease?
  - Yes: Contact LHD Supervisor, MDCH, MDA
  - No: Closeout

Same Household (2 or more)

- Unusual occurrence?
  - Yes: Conduct further investigation & reporting as determined by LHD supervisor
  - No: Closeout

Large Outbreaks

- Send notification to MDA
  - Was the outbreak foodborne?
    - Yes: Send 6-point narrative & CDC 52.13 to MDA
    - No: Send MDA termination report only
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Small Outbreaks

- Send notification to MDA
  - Was the outbreak foodborne?
    - Yes: Send CDC 52.13 only to MDA
    - No: Send MDA termination report only

(1) Complete MI Gastrointestinal Illness Complaint Interview Form, IAFP C1/C2, or outbreak specific questionnaire. Lab confirmed enteric infections must also be entered in MDSS.

(2) See Michigan Food Law – Sec. 3103 – definition of foodborne illness outbreak as incident where a) 2 or more persons, not of same household, have ingested a common food and have similar disease, symptoms, or excrete same pathogens and there is a time, place or person association between the persons, or; b) there is a single case of suspected botulism, mushroom poisoning, paralytic shellfish poisoning or other rare disease, or; c) there is a case of disease or poisoning that can be definitely related to ingestion of a food.