Unconfirmed Gastrointestinal Illness Complaint Investigation Protocol

LHD Notified of Complaint

Complete Form A or equivalent

Enter into foodborne illness LOG and review for trends

Complete Appropriate Interview Form(s)¹

Determine appropriate follow-up & investigation documentation

Isolated Complaints²

Same Household (2 or more)²

Large Outbreaks²

Small Outbreaks²

Is illness later confirmed to be a rare & severe disease²? Examples: Botulism, Mushroom poisoning, Paralytic shellfish, Other

Unusual occurrence? Example: Illnesses linked with family reunion

Send notification to MDARD

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Send MDARD termination report only

Contact LHD Supervisor, MDHHS, MDARD

Closeout

Conduct further investigation & reporting as determined by LHD supervisor

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Send 6-point narrative & CDC 52.13 to MDARD

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(1) Complete MI Gastrointestinal Illness Complaint Interview Form, IAFP C1/C2, an equivalent form 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.