

Enteric Illness Outbreak Investigation Termination Form

Use to terminate enteric illness outbreaks of unknown or non-foodborne transmission

Agency/County:

Date complaint received:

Date MDARD notified:

Complaint number:

Preliminary Information

Number ill/number exposed:

Date/time meal consumed:

Date/time index case ill:

Establishment/event name and address where food was prepared:

Location where food was consumed (if different):

Outbreak Investigation

Epidemiological Investigation¹

Number ill/number interviewed:

Incubation:

Duration of illness:

Number of persons experiencing the following symptoms:

Diarrhea:	Nausea:	Other:
Vomiting:	Headache:	Other:
Abdominal Cramps:	Fever:	

List all foods consumed during suspect meal (drink, appetizer/snack, salad/dressing, entrée, dessert, other foods):

¹ Check for person, place, and time links between cases

Were 72 hour meal histories obtained for all cases to rule out shared exposures to other foods?: Yes No

Other possible routes of transmission:

- Same household Coworkers Other shared meals within 72 hours
 Other:

Laboratory Investigation

Food samples:

Clinical samples:

Results:

Lab: Regional State Private

Environmental Investigation²

Date of site visit:

Date implicated food product was prepared:

Was the worker who prepared food ill? Yes No Uncertain

Was there evidence that food was potentially mishandled? Yes No Uncertain

Observations:

Discussions and Conclusions

Enter concluding remarks:

Disposition details of implicated food:

Did the initial complaint meet the MDARD regulatory definition of a foodborne illness outbreak?³: Yes No

If Yes:

- Investigation Terminated – Investigation Could Not Be Completed
 Investigation Completed – Source Uncertain
 Investigation Completed – Not Foodborne

Form prepared by:

Phone number:

Date:

² Review food handling practices used to prepare implicated foods on the day it was prepared to identify potential factors leading to contamination, survival, growth and/or lack of destruction of causative agent (see IAFP 6th edition [Procedures to Investigate Foodborne Illness](#)). Use of Food Preparation Review worksheet is strongly encouraged.

³ MDARD regulatory outbreak definition: An incident where two or more persons, not of the same household, have ingested a common food and have a similar disease, similar symptoms, or excrete the same pathogens, and there is a time, place, or person association between these persons; where there is a single case of suspected botulism, mushroom poisoning, paralytic shellfish poisoning, or other rare disease; or where there is a case of a disease or poisoning that can be definitely related to the ingestion of food.