
Patients with Foodborne Illnesses

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Situational Update

Shiga toxin producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC), Salmonella, and Shigella are pathogens that can cause serious disease in humans. Patients diagnosed with these diseases must be reported to Public Health according to [Title 17 California Code of Regulations](#). Public Health will reach out and follow up with these individuals.

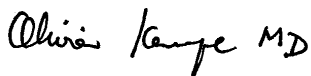
Actions Requested of Health Care Systems and Clinicians:

1. **Collect** and **record** the following information from patients:
 - Type of work
 - Name of workplace
 - Address of workplace
2. **Inform** patients that work in sensitive occupations (e.g., food industry, daycare for children less than 5 years of age) that they are excluded from work until cleared by Public Health to return. They will receive a call from Public Health for follow up and additional specimens will be collected for clearance to return to work. Prior discussion between patient and provider will decrease the current barriers for obtaining necessary information for follow up.

Resources:

1. Title 17: <https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/Documents/Communicable-Disease-Control/GI-Title17ReportableDiseasesAndConditions2020.pdf>

Sincerely,



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