



Cyclosporiasis

Investigation checklist for Local Health Departments

Local health department staff should follow these steps when investigating cases of Cyclosporiasis. For more detailed information, refer to the communicable disease chapter which can be accessed at:

<http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/cyclo/techinfo.shtml>

- Review laboratory analysis to confirm positive test result. If the case has not been submitted via the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS), enter the lab results and create a new case
- There are no specific recommendations for day care or school situations as cyclosporiasis is not transmitted directly from person to person
- Interview the case or guardian (if case is minor) via telephone with the Cyclosporiasis National Hypothesis Generating Questionnaire (CNHGQ) within two weeks of the case being reported. **Do not fax the form to the physician or mail to the home of the case for completion**
- Enter relevant exposures (travel, food history especially consumption of fresh berries, fruits, leafy greens, herbs and sources of food) into the *SOURCES OF INFECTION AND RISK FACTORS: CYCLOSPORIASIS* section in CDRSS.
- Email the completed Cyclosporiasis National Hypothesis Generating Questionnaire (CNHGQ) located at: <https://www.nj.gov/health/forms/cdc-cnhgq.pdf> to nj.fb@doh.nj.gov
- Notify the appropriate local health department and document in the CDRSS case, if a food establishment, daycare etc. from another jurisdiction is identified as a possible source of exposure
- Notify CDS if the number of cases reported is higher than usual or an outbreak is suspected
- Enter any additional symptomatic contacts identified through interview into CDRSS and follow case investigation as appropriate
- Upon completion of investigation, determine case status and close case in CDRSS
- Document dates/times of at least three attempts made to reach case in CDRSS including reason for loss to follow up if case remains unreachable