



## Vibriosis

### Investigation checklist for Local Health Departments

Local health department staff should follow these steps when investigating cases of Vibriosis. For more detailed information, refer to the communicable disease chapter which can be accessed at: <http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/vibro/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
- Assess the case for high-risk activities (e.g., food handler) and exclude from work in accordance with NJDOH exclusion criteria
- Interview the case or guardian (if case is minor) via telephone with the Surveillance Report (CDC-52.79) within two weeks of 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 seafood, water exposure, grocery stores, restaurants) into the CDRSS case.
- Fax the completed Cholera and other Vibrio Surveillance Report (CDS-52.79) to 609-826-5972
- Notify the appropriate local health department and document in the CDRSS case, if a food establishment 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