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Illness Reporting

Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code 3717-1-02.1; Management and Personnel: Employee Health

The license holder shall require food employees and conditional employees to report to the Person in Charge (PIC) information about their health as it relates to diseases that are transmissible through food. In turn, the PIC must report to the licensor (Health Department) when a food employee is diagnosed with an illness as listed in 3717-1-02.1 (A)(1).

Food employees must report to the PIC in a manner to allow the PIC to prevent the likelihood of foodborne disease transmission.

When to report to the PIC:

- **If diagnosed with a foodborne illness listed in 3717-1-02.1 (A)(1)**
(Salmonella spp. or Salmonella Typhi, Shigella, Enterhemorrhagic or shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli, Hepatitis A, Entamoeba histolytica, Campylobacter, Vibrio Cholerae, Cryptosporidium, Cyclospora, Giardia, Norovirus, Yersinia)
- **Before working if an employee:**
 1. Is experiencing symptoms of a gastrointestinal illness
(**vomiting, diarrhea, fever, sore throat with fever, jaundice**)
 2. Has a lesion containing pus such as a boil or infected wound that is open or draining and is unable to be covered by an impermeable cover.
 3. Has had a past illness from Salmonella Typhi in the past three months.
 4. Has been exposed to the following illnesses, or is the suspected source of a confirmed disease outbreak, from the following illnesses within the time period listed:
 - a. Norovirus within the past forty-eight hours
 - b. Enterhemorrhagic or Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli or Shigella spp. with the past three days
 - c. Salmonella Typhi within the past fourteen days
 - d. Hepatitis A within the past 30 days
 5. Has been exposed to any of the above illnesses in 4. a.-d. by attending or working in a setting where there is a confirmed disease outbreak, or living in the same household as an individual who works or attends a setting where there is a confirmed disease outbreak or an individual diagnosed with one of the above illnesses.

PIC actions and reporting requirements:

Exclusion: to prevent a person from working as an employee in a food service operation or retail food establishment, or entering a food service operation or retail food establishment as an employee.

Restriction: to limit the activities of a food employee so that there is no risk of transmitting a disease that is transmissible through food and the food employee does not work with exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, linens; or unwrapped single-service or single-use articles.

Person-in-Charge

When to use which action:

Exclude

If an employee is diagnosed with one of the following illnesses, exclude the employee until the Health Department is contacted to determine the proper action:

- Salmonella spp. or Salmonella Typhi
- Shigella
- Enterhemorrhagic or shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli
- Hepatitis A
- Entamoeba histolytica
- Campylobacter
- Vibrio Cholerae
- Cryptosporidium
- Cyclospora
- Giardia
- Norovirus
- Yersinia

The specific exclusions and restrictions for the above illnesses are listed in the Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-13

Restrict

Any food employee suffering from the following symptoms:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever
- Sore throat with fever
- Jaundice

Or if the employee has a pus containing lesion that is unable to be covered with an impermeable cover

Report

PIC must notify the local health department immediately that a food employee has been diagnosed with a foodborne illness, (Salmonella spp. or Salmonella Typhi, Shigella, Enterhemorrhagic or shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli, Hepatitis A, Entamoeba histolytica, Campylobacter, Vibrio Cholerae, Cryptosporidium, Cyclospora, Giardia, Norovirus, Yersinia) after excluding that employee from work

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