

SALMONELLOSIS
(Reportable Disease - Report to Local Health Agency)

- IMMUNIZATION:** None
- INCUBATION PERIOD:** Usually 12-36 hours, ranges from 6-72 hours.
- SYMPTOMS:** Headache, abdominal discomfort, fever, diarrhea, nausea and sometimes vomiting.
- PERIOD OF COMMUNICABILITY:** Extremely variable, throughout course of infection which may be days to several weeks. In infants, carrier state may persist for months.
- MODE OF TRANSMISSION:**
Ingestion of organisms in food derived from infected food-animals or contaminated by feces of an infected person or animal. Includes raw and undercooked eggs/egg products, raw milk and milk products, contaminated water, meat and meat products or poultry and poultry products. Pet turtles, iguanas and chicks are also potential sources of Salmonella.

Fecal-oral transmission from person-to-person is important especially when diarrhea is present.
- SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**
Exclusion of all attendees and staff who have diarrhea, until diarrhea has ceased.

Children and staff without diarrhea who are excreting Salmonella do not need to be excluded unless an outbreak occurs and it is not controlled through improved hygiene. Efforts should be made to prevent transfer of infected children to other child care providers.
- CONTACTS/FOLLOW-UP:**
If case is a child care provider or attendee, stool specimens from other attendees and staff should be obtained for culturing.

If multiple, symptomatic infected persons are identified, it may be necessary to exclude them or cohort them in the program.

Infected persons should be excluded from food handling until diarrhea ceases and two successive negative stool cultures are obtained.