

To: Vermont Healthcare Providers and Healthcare Facilities
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Domestically Acquired Cyclosporiasis Cases in Multiple U.S. States

Requested Actions

- Review the [CDC HAN](#) issued on July 14, 2026, for detailed guidance on cyclosporiasis diagnosis and treatment.
- Consider cyclosporiasis in patients presenting with prolonged or relapsing watery diarrhea; specifically request *Cyclospora* laboratory testing on stool specimens.
- Call Vermont Department of Health Epidemiology (24/7) at 802-863-7240, option 2 to report cases or if you have clinical questions about cyclosporiasis.

Background

The Vermont Department of Health is monitoring multistate outbreaks of domestically acquired cyclosporiasis. **As of July 20, no cyclosporiasis cases connected to this outbreak have been reported in Vermont residents.** A small number of cases are reported in Vermont each year; most are linked to international travel.

As of July 20, the largest outbreak has been [linked to shredded iceberg lettuce](#) from a single supplier, [which has been recalled](#); **no affected product was distributed in Vermont.** CDC and health departments in affected jurisdictions are investigating additional, unrelated outbreaks and illnesses to identify specific food items that may be linked to infection.

Past outbreaks of cyclosporiasis have been linked to contaminated fresh produce including fresh berries, leafy greens such as lettuce, mesclun and bagged salad mixes, and fresh herbs like basil and cilantro.

Testing for *Cyclospora*

Some Vermont hospitals have PCR panels that test for *Cyclospora*. Commercial laboratories also offer testing but might be backlogged due to the increased demand.

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The Vermont Department of Health Laboratory can test samples using acid-fast staining. Visit the [Lab Forms web page](#) for information about submitting specimens. Review the [CDC HAN](#) for additional diagnosis and treatment guidance.

Additional Resources

- [Foodborne and Diarrheal Illnesses \(Vermont Department of Health\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Mosites at: Emily.Mosites@vermont.gov.

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