

**North Carolina Public Health Department**  
**FOODBORNE ILLNESS COMPLAINT WORKSHEET**

Questions? Call

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Gen Comm Disease Control 919-733-3419  
 DENR- Food/Inst. Sanitation 919-733-2905  
 State Lab of Public Health 919-733-7367

**PERSON TAKING CALL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complainant Information:**

Name:	
Caller name (if different):	Age:
Address:	
Phone:	Occupation:
Work Phone:	
Where were suspect foods eaten? (name, address)	Date: _____ Time: _____
Foods/beverages consumed:	
Please list any available remaining foods:	

**Others in your party/household who are sick:**

Name	Address/Town	Phone	Age (yrs)	Occupation	Med Provider
1					
2					
3					
4					

**Symptoms:**

<b>Intoxications</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Bloating <input type="checkbox"/> Burning sensation (mouth) <input type="checkbox"/> Metallic taste in mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Thirst <input type="checkbox"/> Flushing <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive sweating	<b>Enteric</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal cramps <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Bloody diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Fever _____°F <input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<b>Generalized</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <input type="checkbox"/> Dehydration <input type="checkbox"/> Swelling <input type="checkbox"/> Headache <input type="checkbox"/> Jaundice <input type="checkbox"/> Rash <input type="checkbox"/> Weakness	<b>Neurological</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Blurred vision <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty speaking <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty swallowing <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness <input type="checkbox"/> Double vision <input type="checkbox"/> Numbness <input type="checkbox"/> Paralysis <input type="checkbox"/> Tingling
Other symptoms:			
Date symptoms began:			Time:
Date symptoms ended:			Time:
Was medical attention received?		If yes, Dr/Clinic name:	
Were specimens (stool, urine, blood) taken?		If yes, results:	

**General Information:**

Have you traveled recently? If so, location/date:
Have you been exposed to any animals/reptiles recently? If so, what type/when?

### FOOD HISTORY

Obtain history back 72 hours prior to symptoms, **OR**, if organism is identified - use average incubation period  
 If > 2 ill, follow above time frame for **common meals** (food) only

Date/Time <sup>1</sup>	# Exp <sup>2</sup>	Foods consumed	Restaurant/store where purchased (name/town)	Placed consumed
_ B _ L _ D				_ Same as left _ Home _ Other (specify):
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1 Always record Time if possible; otherwise, choose B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= Dinner

2 Total # person (both ill and well) who consumed indicated food(s)

**Investigated by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes

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#### Food Testing

Food(s) available for testing?  Yes  No  Unkn      Send to SLPH?  Yes  No  Unkn  
 If Yes, specify food(s) & source:

#### Product and Manufacturer Information for Commercially-Processed Food(s)

Product Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Code/lot # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Package size/type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### Incubation Periods for Selected Organisms

	Min	Max		Min	Max		Min	Max
<i>B. cereus</i> (short)	1hr	6hrs	<i>E. coli</i> 0157:H7	3 days	8days	<i>Staph aureus</i>	30 min	8hrs
<i>B. cereus</i> (long)	6hrs	24hr	Hepatitis A	15 days	50 days	<i>Shigella</i>	12 hrs	96 hrs
<i>Campylobacter</i>	1 day	10 days	<i>Salmonella</i> (non typhi)	6hrs	72hrs	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	few hrs	5days
<i>Cyclospora</i>	1 day	14 days	<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	1 wk	3wks	Viral GI	12hrs	48 hrs
<i>C. perfringens</i>	6hrs	24 hrs	Shellfish poisoning	min	few hrs	<i>Yersinia</i>	3 days	7 days