



Listeriosis

Investigation checklist for Local Health Departments

Local health department staff should follow these steps when investigating cases of Listeriosis. For more detailed information, refer to the communicable disease chapter which can be accessed at: <http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/listeriosis/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 if the case falls into the higher risk categories (older adults, immunocompromised, pregnant women, newborns)
- Interview the case or guardian (if case is minor) via telephone with the Listeriosis Case Report Form (CDC-LCR) 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 information regarding (pregnancy, underlying conditions, food history especially consumption of unpasteurized dairy, cheese, meats, seafood, vegetables, salads, grocery stores, restaurants) into the CDRSS case.
- Fax the completed Listeriosis Case Report Form (CDC-LCR) to 609-826-5972
- Notify the appropriate local health department and document in the CDRSS case, if a food establishment, restaurant etc. from another jurisdiction is identified as a possible source of exposure
- Notify CDS if an unpasteurized milk/dairy product or an outbreak is suspected as the source of infection
- 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