

Exclusion guidelines for food employees

Any person with a communicable disease listed in Table 12 should be excluded from food preparation, handling or serving. This should also included food employees with symptoms consistent with those diseases such as diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal cramping, fever, jaundice, etc.

Table 11. Exclusion guidelines for food employees

Etiologic Agent	Recommendation for Exclusion from Food Employees
<i>Campylobacter</i>	Exclude until asymptomatic
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	Exclude until asymptomatic
<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>	Exclude until chemotherapy is completed
<i>E. coli</i> 0157:H7	Exclude until 2 consecutive negative stools cultures collected at least 24 hours apart and obtained at least 48 hours after discontinuance of antimicrobial therapy*
Enterotoxigenic <i>E. coli</i> (STEC)	Exclude until 2 consecutive negative stools cultures collected at least 24 hours apart and obtained at least 48 hours after discontinuance of antimicrobial therapy*
<i>Cryptosporidium</i>	Exclude until asymptomatic
<i>Cyclospora</i>	Exclude until asymptomatic
<i>Giardia</i>	Exclude until asymptomatic
Hepatitis A	1) Exclude for an interval extending through day 10 following onset of jaundice 2) Exclude for an interval extending through day 14 following onset of symptoms if no jaundice present
<i>Salmonella</i> (Non-typhoid)	Exclude until asymptomatic
<i>Salmonella typhi</i> (Typhoid fever)	Exclude until 3 negative stools taken at least 24 hours apart and at least 48 hours after antibiotics have been stopped, and not earlier than 1 month after onset of symptoms
<i>Salmonella typhi</i> carriers	Exclude until 3 negative stools taken at least 1 month apart and at least 48 hours after antibiotic therapy has stopped
<i>Shigella</i>	Exclude until 2 consecutive negative stools cultures collected at least 24 hours apart and obtained at least 48 hours after discontinuance of antimicrobial therapy
Viral infections	Exclude until asymptomatic
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>	Exclude until asymptomatic

* Antimicrobials are not usually administered with these infections because of the possibility of hemolytic uremic syndrome, especially in children.

These exclusion guidelines are recommendations of the BCDP / CDES and are based on current scientific literature and on CDC commendations. **Final decisions regarding exclusion of individual food workers rest with the LHD and should be made with consideration given to the personal hygiene of the individual, the specific duties of the food worker, the nature of the food handled, and the level of hygienic conditions and supervision in the food establishment.**