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Public Health Provider Alert – Salmonella and Enteric Infections

Nevada County Public Health Department (NCPHD) has recently seen an increase in salmonella cases and would like to take this opportunity to remind providers of the current enteric infections guidelines for persons in sensitive occupations and sensitive situations (SOS). Persons in SOS are defined as any occupation or situations that involve food handling, direct care of persons in health care facilities or group settings, childcare, children 5 years of age and younger, or other congregate programs where fecal-oral transmission from a case is a public health concern. NCPHD may ask primary care physicians to order the clearance specimens which should be covered by the patient's insurance.

The following enteric infections require clearance specimens for persons in SOS:

- Amebiasis
- Paratyphoid fever (S. Paratyphi A, C, or tartrate negative B)
- Salmonellosis
- Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) including O157 and other serotypes
- Shigellosis
- Typhoid fever (Salmonella Typhi)
- Vibrio cholerae O1 or O139 (Cholera)

For the above infections, persons in SOS should be restricted or excluded from sensitive settings until stool cultures are negative per California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers (CACDC) Enteric Disease Matrix and cited codes (see attachment). With Nevada County Public Health Officer approval, children ≤ 5 years of age in childcare or preschool diagnosed with Salmonellosis may return to a group setting when asymptomatic for at least 24 hours, with diligent observation from group setting staff for proper handwashing after utilizing the bathroom, until there is a negative stool culture. Please reference the CACDC Enteric Disease Matrix for a detailed listing of diseases, related restrictions/exclusions and applicable Codes and Regulations. Contact the Communicable Disease Control Program with any questions or concerns at 530-265-1450. NCPHD appreciates your efforts in keeping the community safe and healthy.