

Knox Public Health

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Guidelines for Food Employee or Conditional Employee Reporting Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to inform food employees and conditional employees (potential employee to whom a job offer is made) of their responsibilities to notify the Person in Charge (PIC) when they experience any of the listed conditions so that the PIC can take action to prevent the transmission of foodborne illness. A food employee or conditional employee must report information such as the date when illness symptoms or an illness first started, or of an illness diagnosis with no symptoms.

I AGREE TO REPORT TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE:

Any of the following symptoms, either while at work or outside of work, including the date that the symptoms first started:

1. Diarrhea
 2. Vomiting
 3. Jaundice (yellowing of the eyes or skin)
 4. Sore throat with fever
 5. A lesion containing pus such as a boil or open infected wound on the hands, wrists, exposed portions of the arms or other parts of the body (unless the lesion is protected by disposable gloves or a dry, tight fitting bandage).
- COVID-19 Symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.

If a health care provider has diagnosed me with any of the illnesses listed below, the PIC must notify the Knox County Health Department when a food employee is diagnosed with any of these illnesses or conditions:

A.) Any of the following illnesses:

1. Campylobacter
2. Cryptosporidium
3. Cyclospora
4. Entamoeba histolytica
5. Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)
6. Giardia
7. Hepatitis A
8. Norovirus
9. Salmonella spp.
10. Salmonella Typhi
11. Shigella
12. Vibrio cholera
13. Yersinia

B.) An illness that was diagnosed by a health care provider, within the past three months due to Salmonella typhi (without having received antibiotic therapy).

C.) 1.) If I am the suspected cause of, or exposed to a confirmed disease outbreak; 2) Attend or work in a setting where there is a confirmed disease outbreak; 3) Live in the same household with a person diagnosed or 4) Live in the same household with a person who attends or works in a setting of a confirmed outbreak of any of the following:

1. Norovirus within the past forty-eight hours of the last exposure.
2. Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli within the past **ten days** of last exposure.
3. Shigella spp. within the past **four days** of the last exposure.
4. Salmonella Typhi within the past fourteen days of the last exposure.
5. Hepatitis A within the past **fifty days** of the last exposure.

The PIC must ensure that a conditional employee:

1. Is prohibited from becoming a food employee until exclusions or restrictions are removed if they exhibit the symptoms or are diagnosed with any of the illnesses that were listed previously.
2. Is prohibited from becoming a food employee in an operation that serves a highly susceptible population (define highly susceptible) until exclusions or restrictions are removed if they report a high risk condition or any of the illnesses listed in the previous paragraph.

The PIC shall restrict the duties of a food employee that exhibits any of the previously listed symptoms.

The PIC shall restrict the duties of, or exclude a food employee from the operation if they have been diagnosed with any of the thirteen previously listed illnesses.

The PIC may remove an exclusion or restriction due to an illness diagnosis if the food employee is released by a healthcare provider. The PIC may remove a restriction if it was due to previously listed symptoms, if the symptoms have ceased and the symptoms were not from one of the thirteen previously listed illnesses.

Exclude means to prevent the employee from working in the operation or entering the operation as an employee. Restrict means to prevent the employee from working with clean equipment, utensils, linens or unwrapped single-service articles. I have read (or had explained to me) and understand the requirements concerning my responsibilities under the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code.

Conditional Employee Name (print) _____

Signature of conditional Employee _____ Date _____

Food Employee Name (print) _____

Signature of Food Employee _____ Date _____

Signature of Permit Holder or PIC _____ Date _____