



Health Advisory Cryptosporidiosis

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Columbus Public Health &
Franklin County Public Health

What you need to know

A community outbreak of cryptosporidiosis is currently under investigation by Columbus Public Health (CPH), Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) and Delaware General Health District (DGHD). 107 cases have been reported during 2016, while the average incidence since 2006 at this time of year is 18 cases. Most cases had exposure at multiple water venues, including pools, water parks and splash pads. Cases have also been reported among child care attendees and providers.

What to watch for

Watery diarrhea with abdominal cramps, nausea, vomiting, fever, dehydration and weight loss.

What you can do

Order stool tests for patients with watery diarrhea.

Counsel patients about cryptosporidiosis prevention.

Report cases of cryptosporidiosis to the Infectious Disease Reporting System (IDRS) at 614.525.8888.

Who is at risk

Children who attend child care centers, including diaper-aged children

Child care workers

Parents of infected children

People who take care of other people with cryptosporidiosis

International travelers

Backpackers, hikers and campers who drink unfiltered, untreated water

People who drink from untreated shallow, unprotected wells

People, including swimmers, who swallow water from contaminated sources

People who handle infected calves or other ruminants like sheep

People exposed to human feces through sexual contact

To learn more

Cryptosporidium

<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/crypto>

Healthy Swimming

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/materials/index.html>

Infectious Disease Reporting System

<http://idrsinfo.org>

What is this? [Learn more about this emergency notification system.](#)

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