

Cholera

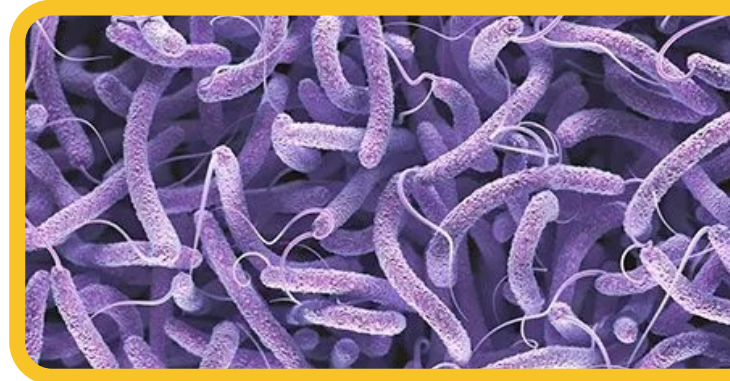


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What is Cholera?

Cholera is an infection of the intestines caused by the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*. Infections can happen from drinking water or eating food containing Cholera bacteria. People are more likely to become sick with Cholera if they live in areas with poor sanitation, hygiene, and unsafe drinking water.



Why do I need to stay home?

- To protect vulnerable populations from also getting sick
- Resting at home allows your body to recover faster
- Cholera is contagious while symptomatic, and can spread easily from person to person without proper hand washing

If you work or attend a high-risk setting, extra exclusions may apply.



Food Service

Indiana code requires the following before returning to work:

- Staying home until symptoms stop for more than 24 hours **and**
- One negative stool culture is confirmed **and**
- Receiving education on how to prevent this illness at home and at work



Childcare/school attendee

Indiana code requires the following before returning to work or attending school/childcare:

- Staying home until symptoms stop for more than 24 hours **and**
- Receiving education on how to prevent this illness at home and at work.



Healthcare and long-term care facilities

Indiana code requires the following before returning to work:

- Symptoms stop for greater than 24 hours **and**
- Counseled about prevention measures, such as handwashing, to prevent transmission of disease.



Aquatic venues (e.g., swimming pools, whirlpool spas, wading pools, water parks, interactive fountains, lakes)

Indiana code requires the patient to be excluded from aquatic venues until:

- Symptoms stop for a least two weeks

For more information, visit the Indiana Department of Health Cholera webpage.

