Environmental Assessment Field Guide for Molluscan Shellfish Illness

Suspect Agent or Pathogen of Concern & Corresponding Field Focus		Risk Factors & Interventions	Remediation & Control Measures
VIRUSES	FIELD FOCUS □ III FW □ BHC	III Food Workers (III FW) ☐ Determine employee health status ☐ Exclude III food workers ☐ Check work schedules ☐ Determine food workers' role with suspected meals or ingredients	Who did you contact about the outbreak? ☐ Local Health CD-Epi ☐ State Food Safety ☐ State CD-Epi ☐ State Shellfish Program
□ Norovirus	□ HW □ Source □ CA	Bare Hand Contact (BHC) ☐ Gloves/utensils available and signs of usage ☐ History of BHC prevention in establishment ☐ Observations of BHC during the investigation ☐ Discussion of BHC prevention for implicated meal	Consider each item listed below and check each used. Control Measures Behavior Change Procedure Change
BACTERIAL INFECTIONS	FIELD FOCUS	☐ Discussion of food preparation steps Handwashing (HW)	☐ Exclude III FW
□ <i>Vibrio</i> species	□ CH □ XC □ Source □ CA	Handwashing (HW) Handwash sinks available and have soap and towels Observe proper HW Cold Holding (CH) Proper CH at Receiving, Storage, Prep, Service History of proper temperature control practices Advanced preparation Cross Contamination (XC) Proper storage of other foods Separation of utensils used for raw product	 □ Food Destruction □ Hold Order □ Cleaning & Sanitizing □ Closure Investigation Methods □ Food Samples □ Environmental Samples □ Stool Samples □ Photographs □ Receipts, Inventory,
SHELLFISH TOXINS	FIELD FOCUS	☐ Cleaning and sanitizing of equipment and utensils	Trace-back
□ Shellfish Poisoning <u>ASP</u> , <u>DSP</u> , <u>PSP</u>	□ Source	□ Discuss XC prevention during implicated meal Consumer Advisory (CA) □ Disclosure □ Reminder Source □ Copies of relevant tags, receipts, invoices (See Additional Resources: Anatomy of Shellstock Tags and Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List)	 ☐ Multiple FEs Investigated ☐ Additional Case Finding Moving Forward ☐ Follow-Up Visit Scheduled ☐ Follow-Up Visit with Interpreter ☐ Increased Inspections ☐ Menu Reduction ☐ Required Ed/Training
Additional Resources www.foodprotect.org/issues/packets/2023packet/attachments/I 001 content h.pdf www.fda.gov/food/federalstate-food-programs/interstate-certified-shellfish-shippers-list			☐ Risk Control Plan☐ Office Conference