

## New Patient FAQs:

Question: I was contacted because I received an epidural injection with one of the potentially contaminated steroid medications approximately 4 weeks ago, but I feel fine. Do I still need to be concerned?

Answer: Patients with infections have typically developed symptoms within 1-4 weeks after their injection. However, shorter and longer timeframes between injection and onset of symptoms have been reported. CDC is working to determine what this timeframe is. If you were injected with potentially contaminated steroids, you should see a doctor if you have any of the following symptoms, even if you have previously sought treatment: fever, new headache or headache that is getting worse, stiff neck, sensitivity to light, new weakness or numbness in any part of your body, slurred speech, new or worsening back pain, redness, or warmth or swelling at your injection sight. CDC will provide updated guidance as more information becomes available.

Question: I was contacted because I received a joint injection with one of the potentially contaminated steroid medications approximately 4 weeks ago but I feel fine. Do I still need to be concerned?

Answer: As of October 9, infections from steroid injections into joints other than the spine (e.g., knee, hip) have not been reported. However, the investigation is ongoing and joint infections may take longer to develop than meningitis. CDC is working to determine what this timeframe is. If you were injected with potentially contaminated steroids, you should see a doctor if you have any of the following symptoms: fever, increased pain, redness, warmth, or swelling in the joint that received the injection or at the injection site. CDC will provide updated guidance as more information becomes available.