

Timeline for Reporting Cases of *Salmonella* Infection

The time from when a person is exposed to *Salmonella* from contaminated food, water, or an infected animal or person to the confirmation that he or she is part of an outbreak is typically about 2-4 weeks.

Person is exposed to *Salmonella*

Time to Illness

1-3 days



Stool sample requested

Time to Diagnosis

1-3 days



Public health lab receives *Salmonella* strain

Serotyping and "DNA Fingerprinting" Time

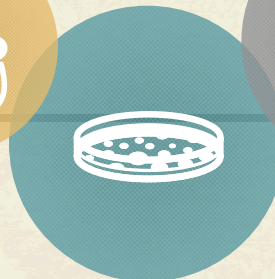
2-10 days



Person becomes ill

Time to Health Care

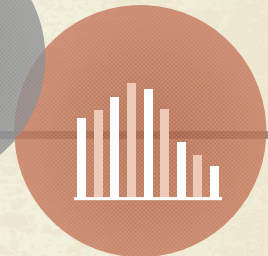
1-5 days



Salmonella identified

Shipping Time

0-7 days



Total time:
2-4 weeks

Case reported as part of outbreak



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