

## **FOODBORNE ILLNESS (FBI) COMPLAINT**

Event name:	FBI	
Event time period:	N/A	
Clinical description:	Common foodborne illness symptoms may include diarrhea, stomach pain or cramps, nausea, vomiting, and fever.	
CDC Event Classification:	N/A	
MA Event Classification (2025):	<i>Valid</i>	FBI complaint includes <b>both</b> of the following: 1) Illness information: a. Diagnosis with an enteric pathogen, <b>or</b> b. Symptoms clinically compatible with foodborne illness 2) At least one complete food exposure <sup>1</sup> that: a. Falls within the time period of interest <sup>2</sup> for a diagnosed enteric pathogen, <b>or</b> b. Falls within a reasonable range for an enteric pathogen's incubation period
	<i>Duplicate</i>	Information matches an existing FBI complaint in MAVEN based on: 1) Ill person: name and home address match, <b>and/or</b> 2) Food exposure: suspect meal description and location where food obtained match
	<i>Incomplete</i>	The FBI complaint does not include: 1) Diagnosis or illness information, <b>and/or</b> 2) At least one complete food exposure <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Invalid</i>	At least one complete food exposure <sup>1</sup> reported but complaint does not meet criteria to be considered a valid foodborne illness complaint (e.g., no illness resulting from food consumed, all food exposures fall outside pathogen's incubation period).

<sup>1</sup> A **complete food exposure** includes all of the following: 1) suspect food, drink, or meal; 2) name of establishment where food was obtained; 3) location of where food was obtained; and 4) when food was consumed (exact date or approximation).

<sup>2</sup>The **time period of interest** is listed at the top of the Risk/Exposure/Control & Prevention question package of enteric disease events. It often is the incubation period for the pathogen, but may vary (e.g., the incubation period for salmonellosis is 6 hours to 6 days, but the widely used time period for evaluating exposures is 7 days).