



MDPH Tuesday Infectious Disease Webinar Series

“Tools for Local Boards of Health”

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- **DPH Updates:**
 - General Updates & Reminders
 - Tasking in MAVEN
 - Individual vs. Group Tasks
 - Ebola: Situational Update and Guidance on Traveler Monitoring
 - *Cyclospora* Update
- **Featured Presentation:** Report My Meal: Findings from the New Reporting System
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Infectious Disease Tools for LBOH Webinar Schedule!

Upcoming Schedule!

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2 nd Tues 10/13/26	2026-2027 Respiratory Illness Season Kickoff
4 th Tues 10/27/26	Office Hours
2 nd Tues	<i>No November Webinars</i>
4 th Tues	<i>No November Office hours</i>
2 nd Tues 12/8/26	MAVEN Functionality Overview
4 th Tues	<i>No December Office Hours</i>
2 nd Tues 1/12/27	Hepatitis
4 th Tues 1/26/27	Office Hours

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- You help us identify topics, needs, & content!
- Be sure to send ideas, requests, and questions to Hillary and Scott!

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<http://www.maven-help.maventrainingsite.com/toc.html>



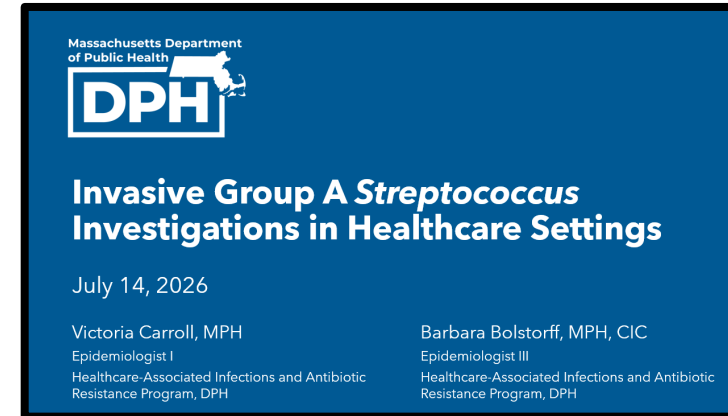
You can always contact mavenhelp@mass.gov or The MDPH Epi Program at 617-983-6800 with specific questions.

**Next Office Hours:
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @11am!**

Updates – A quick recap for Sept. 8, 2026

July 14, 2026:

- **DPH Updates:**
 - Cyclospora Updates - Geena Chiumento, MPH
 - FIFA! World Cup Workload Tracking & Tools
 - Ebola: Situational Update and Guidance on Traveler Monitoring
- **Featured Presentation:** Invasive Group A Streptococcus Investigations in Healthcare Settings
 - Barbara Bolstorff, MPH, CIC
 - Victoria Carroll, MPH



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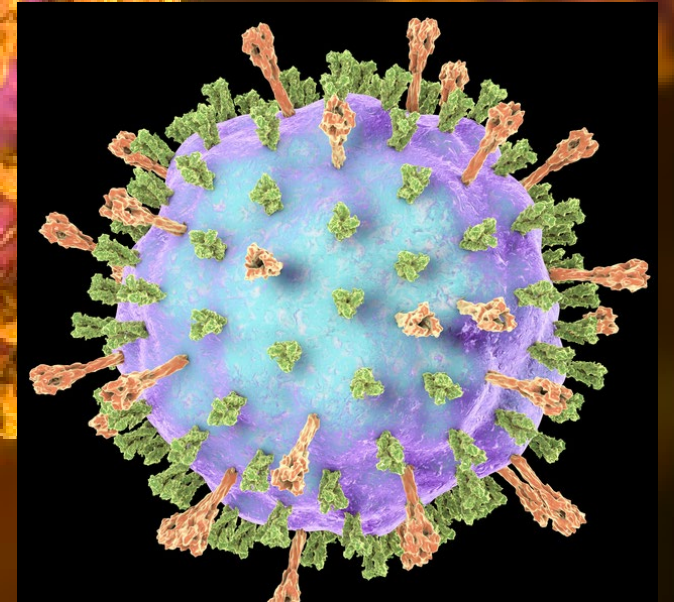
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General Updates & Reminders

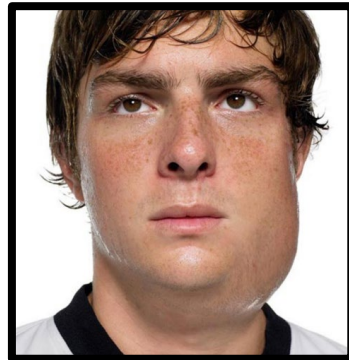


General Reminders for MAVEN Casework

- Reminder to fill out the Demographics Question Package.
- Please include Discharge Date when patients are hospitalized (if available at the time of investigation).
 - If the patient is still admitted, you don't need to keep an investigation open waiting for a discharge date.
- Adding your phone number to the Admin Question Package Step 3 is always helpful for communication with DPH Epis.

Mumps

- **Suspect Mumps Cases are reported prior to lab test confirmation and require follow-up (data collection) to both rule-in and rule-out the case.**
 - Negative Test Results do not automatically rule-out a Mumps case. Be sure to collect swelling duration & alternative diagnoses to help in case classification.
 - **Intro to Mumps Case Investigation ([Slides Recording](#))**
 - [Mumps Tip Sheet for LBOH](#)



Tasking – there are TWO workflows

- A task assigned to a LBOH USER GROUP would appear in **My Group's Open Tasks** only.
- A task assigned to an individual LBOH user would appear in **My Open Tasks** only.

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☆	My Overdue Tasks	0	M
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☆	Overdue Tasks Created by Me	0	M

Tasking – Only MY Open Tasks Show Up On Dashboard

Just shows individual Tasks here.



Maven Surveillance and Case Management System

Home ? Refresh Enter Case ID Search Hillary Johnson

Tasks Edit

Type	Priority	Name	Event
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Workflows Edit

Workflow Queue	Events	Assigned
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More...

- The default 'Task Workflow' on your dashboard is for individually assigned tasks.
- You will need to go into the view of ALL workflows (Workflow Queues Page) to see additional Task workflows.

Tasking – STAR your My Groups' Open Tasks

Maven Surveillance and Case Management System    Enter Case ID Hillary Johnson ▾

Workflow Queues

Task

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☆	Open Tasks Created by Me

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- There are several TASK workflows. If you don't see them, select "Show Empty Workflows."

Tasking – STAR your My Groups' Open Tasks



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Workflows	
Workflow Queue	
★	My Groups' Open Tasks
★	My Open Tasks
★	Follow-up ongoing - Immunization Disease
★	Immediate notification - Immunization disease
★	Cluster Events - Immunization
★	Routine EOD - Immunization
★	Varicella Clinical Complications

- ***STAR* My Groups' Open Tasks** to see it as a bookmarked favorite back on your Dashboard.

Ebola: Situational Update & Traveler Monitoring Guidance

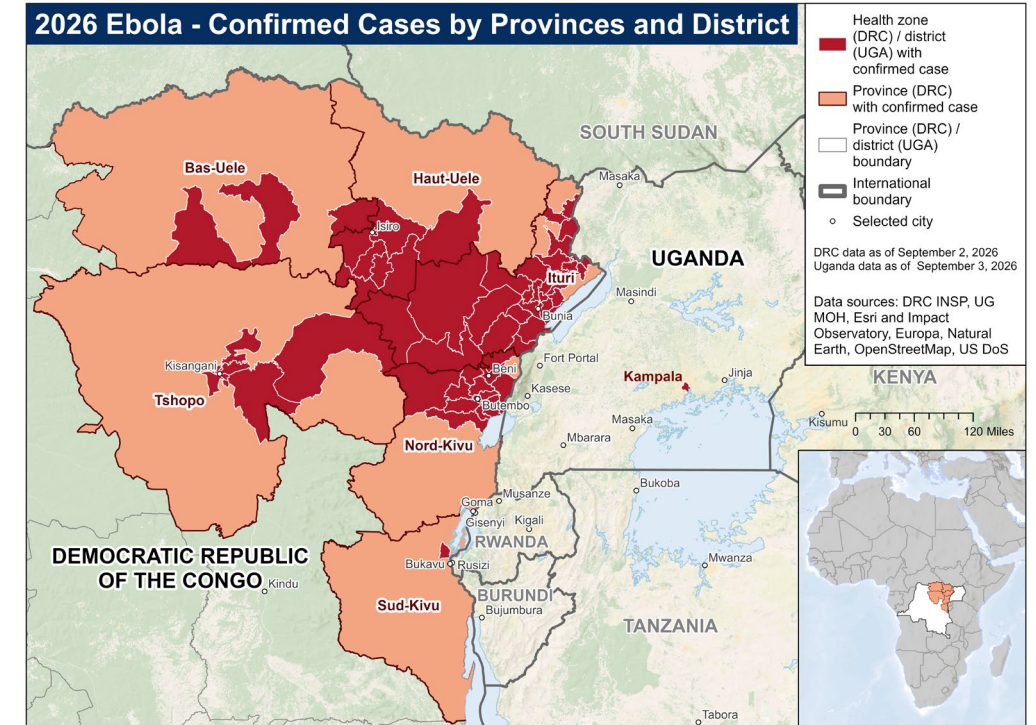


Today's Ebola Updates & Reminders

- **Situational Update: Ebola Outbreak in DRC and Uganda**
- **Updated MA Ebola Monitoring Guidance**
 - Intake only for travelers returning from Uganda and South Sudan
- **MAVEN Help Resources**
 - Comprehensive Training & Materials on [MAVEN Help](#)
 - Updated LBOH Tip Sheet – 8/17 version
- **Review of the Traveler Intake Process**
 - Completing Monitoring in MAVEN
 - Unresponsive Travelers

2026 Ebola Outbreak in DRC

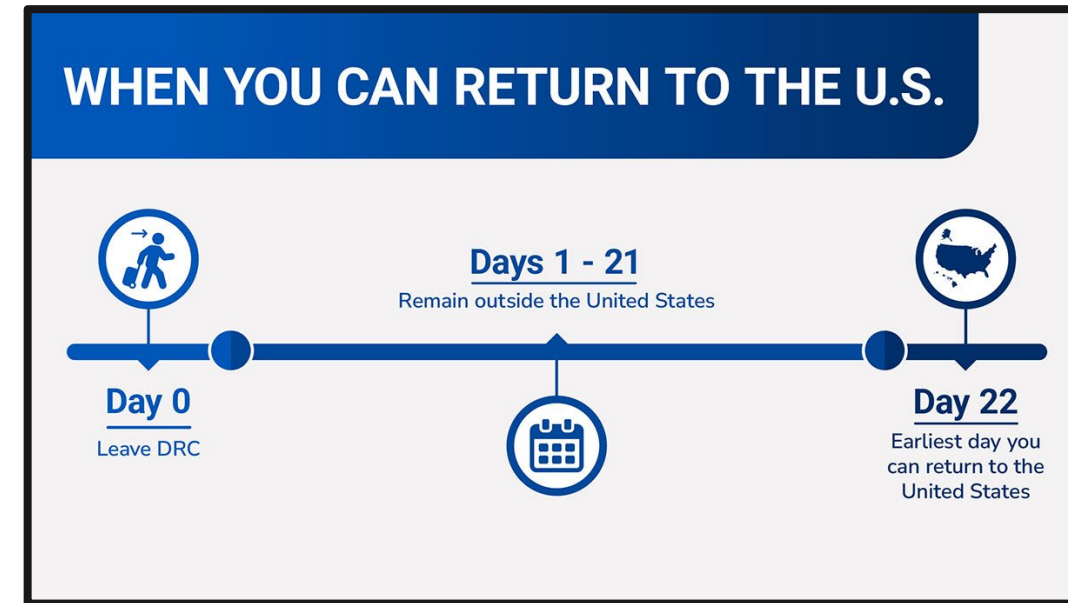
- As of September 2, 2026, **the DRC reports:**
 - **6,342 confirmed cases**
 - **3,072 confirmed deaths**
- This is a rapidly evolving situation, and case counts are subject to change and likely an undercount.
- To date, **no Ebola cases** associated with this outbreak have been reported in the United States, and the risk to the general public remains low.



[CDC: Ebola Outbreak: Current Situation](#)

DRC: Updated Travel Restrictions

- Starting July 15, 2026, travelers (including US citizens) who have been in DRC 21 days before departure **will not be allowed to board flights to the US.**
- **Anyone who has been in the DRC should plan to remain outside DRC and the US for 21 days before entering the US.**
- This includes all air passengers with a layover through DRC airports whether they disembark the airplane or not.



[CDC | Information for Travelers Returning from Ebola-Affected Areas](#)

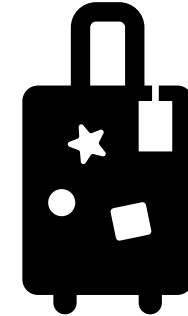
Uganda Declared Ebola Free

- On August 26th the WHO declared **the end of the Ebola outbreak** in Uganda after 42 days without a new case.
 - The last reported case in Uganda was confirmed June 21.
- On August 7th, CDC updated guidance to **no longer consider Uganda or South Sudan an area of concern.**
- Uganda ended their Ebola outbreak with:
 - **21 confirmed and probable cases**
 - **3 deaths**



Ebola Monitoring in Massachusetts

- When travelers from DRC, Uganda, and South Sudan arrive in the US, health departments need to conduct an initial assessment, provide health education and recommend a symptom watch.
- DPH is receiving lists of returned travelers screened by CDC at airports.
 - Most returning travelers are at low risk for contracting Ebola
- As of September 4th, DPH and LBOHs are monitoring:
 - 900+ **not** high-risk travelers
 - representing 126+ local jurisdictions in Massachusetts
 - 96% of travelers are returning from Uganda or South Sudan



Remember to check your
GROUP TASKS Workflow
for Traveler Event Notifications

Updated MA Ebola Monitoring Guidance

- For travelers returning from Uganda or South Sudan **only the intake is required.**
- Given the July 15th travel restrictions for DRC, we expect to only receive travelers from Uganda and South Sudan (very low risk) at this time.

	Traveled in or transited through	
	DRC	Uganda or South Sudan
Intake	Conduct risk assessment and provide health education	
	Advise self-symptom monitoring + daily temperature measurement	
Movement restrictions	Stay home and avoid interactions with others; delay nonessential medical care	None
Check-in Cadence	Twice daily, one of which is a video check-in	Only intake is required

MAVEN Help Resources

- Training Presentation
- LBOH Tip Sheet – **updated on 8/17/26**
- Letter Template Language

[Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers \(VHFs, includes Ebola Materials\)](#)

[Presentations](#)

 [2026 Ebola Traveler Monitoring Guidance Slides](#) **NEW**

 [2026 Ebola Traveler Monitoring Guidance \(36:07\)](#) **NEW**

[Tip Sheets](#)

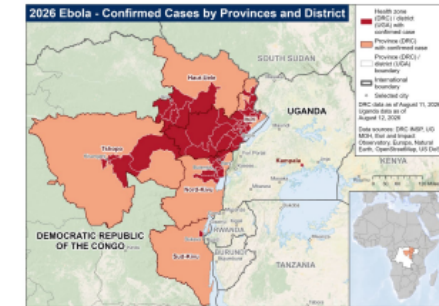
 [Ebola Monitoring 2026 - LBOH Tip Sheet V2](#) **NEW**

 [Letter Template Language for Contacting Recent Traveler](#) **NEW**

TIP SHEET For Local Boards of Health

Ebola Traveler Monitoring 2026 v2 8/17/26

Pathogen: Bundibugyo ("Bun-dee-BOO-joh") virus causing Bundibugyo virus Disease (BVD) or Ebola Disease
Incubation period: 2 to 21 days after exposure to develop symptoms
Infectious period: contagious only after [symptom](#) onset
Transmission: spread through direct contact (through broken skin or mucous membranes) with the body fluids (e.g., blood, urine, feces, saliva, semen, or other secretions) of a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola disease. Can also be transmitted from infected animals or through contact with objects that are contaminated with the virus. Not airborne.
No treatment or vaccine for BVD.



Countries affected by 2026 Ebola Outbreak: Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Uganda and South Sudan

This is an evolving situation, and public health recommendations will likely change as we learn more

[CDC | Current Situation](#) | [CDC Interim Travel Monitoring Guidance](#)

LBOH Role:

- Conduct intake and check-in assessment(s) as needed with travelers returning from the DRC, Uganda, and South Sudan to local MA jurisdiction for 21-day monitoring period following last day in affected area.
- Notify DPH via the 24/7 DPH Epi line at 617-983-6800 if travelers become sick during their monitoring period or plan to leave Massachusetts to finish the remainder of their monitoring period out of state or out of the US.

DPH Role:

- Notify LBOHs of travelers needing monitoring in their jurisdiction via MAVEN Tasking and coordinate assessments/follow-up.
- Report final monitoring outcome of travelers to CDC.
- Provide situational updates to the LBOHs.

Traveler Monitoring Steps:

Currently DPH is only receiving travelers who are **NOT** high risk from CDC. Traveler Monitoring will be a coordinated effort between LBOH and DPH. The monitoring process has two components:

1. The Massachusetts Intake Assessment
2. Check-in(s) (see Table 1 (see page 4))

Evolving Situation: Be sure to check for the most up to date Tip Sheet in [MAVEN Help](#).

The Massachusetts Intake Assessment

- DPH Epis will notify the LBOH of a new returning traveler in their jurisdiction that needs monitoring.
- **LBOH conducts the Intake Assessment:**
 - **Verify travel location, dates, and exposure potential (risk) information** collected by CDC at airport screening
 - Share information with returned travelers about **self-symptom monitoring**
 - Ask they call the 24/7 Epi line at 617-983-6800 if they become ill.

Event Data	Labs	Concerns	Participants	T
Question Packages				
Question Package				
01. Administrative				
02. Demographic				
03. Clinical				
05. Risk/Exposure/Control & Prevention				
07. Contact Monitoring				
08. Electronic Case Reporting				
09. Other External Data Sources				
10. Sequencing Information				
VHF_CONTACT_MONITORING_2026 - Ebola Travel Monitoring QP				

Document answers in the Ebola Travel Monitoring QP

Intake: Travel Information



- Was the traveler in any of the following affected countries or areas of concern in the last 21 days?
 - **DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan**
- **Verify the last date the traveler was in the affected country.**

Intake: Establishing 21 Day Monitoring Period

- Last date **IN** affected country = Day 0.
- Last date of Monitoring = Day 21.

Last date in affected country

mm/dd/yyyy

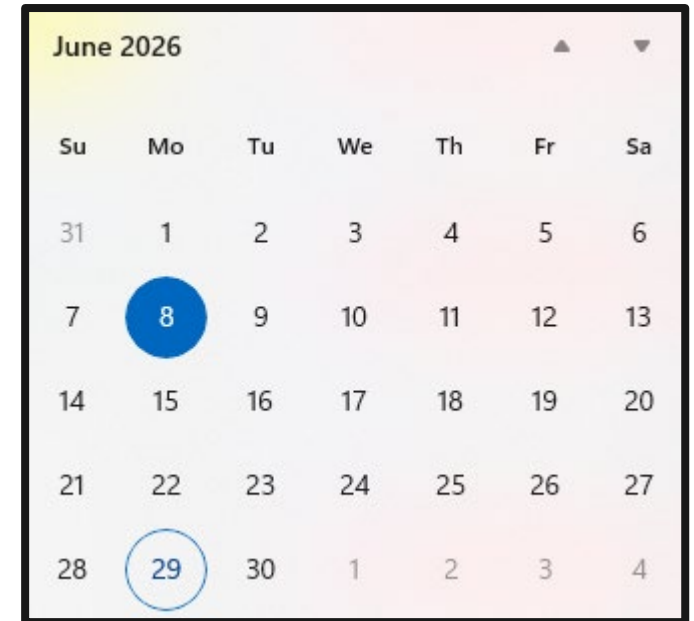


Last date of monitoring

mm/dd/yyyy



Tip: Just look at a calendar and count 3 lines (weeks) down for Day 21.



Last date in affected country

06/08/2026



Last date of monitoring

06/29/2026



Intake: Self-Symptom Monitoring Instructions

- Review **symptoms** of Ebola and ensure that all travelers know how to self-monitor.
 - Fever, severe headache, muscle or joint pain, weakness/fatigue, sore throat, loss of appetite, rash, unexplained bleeding, GI symptoms (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain)
- Does the traveler currently have any of the listed symptoms?



Intake Assessment Wrap Up

- Provide the Traveler with the last date of monitoring (last date in affected country + 21 days).
 - LBOHs are **not** expected to check-in with travelers from Uganda and South Sudan at the end of monitoring. Ensure the traveler knows to self-monitor their health through this period.
- Ask about scheduled **out-of-state travel** during their monitoring period.
 - Notify your DPH Epi if the traveler plans to leave MA for the remainder of their monitoring period
- **Provide traveler with DPH 24/7 number (617-983-6800)** to call if they become sick or make new plans to travel outside Massachusetts during their monitoring period.

MAVEN Documentation Reminders

- The **area of concern** and **assessment category variables** take determination on your part and are not questions that should be asked directly of the traveler.
- After August 7th, **all travelers from Uganda and South Sudan =**
 - “In an affected country but **not** an area of concern.”
 - Uganda and South Sudan are not areas of concern.

Present in area of concern?

No



Assessment Category



In affected country but not in area of concern

In area of concern without exposure potential

In area of concern with exposure potential

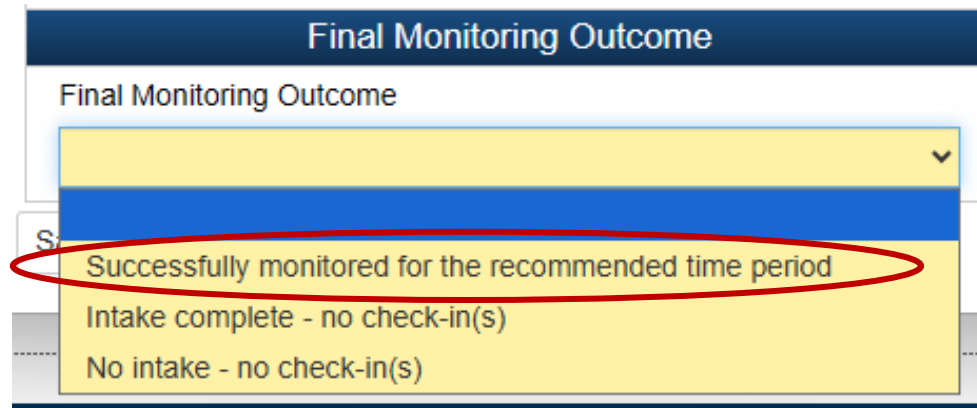
High risk exposure

Connecting flight through affected country

Completing Monitoring in MAVEN

For Travelers from Uganda or South Sudan, once the intake assessment is complete:

- Fill in the intake portion of the **Ebola Travel Monitoring QP** (leave check-in blank)
- **Complete the Final Monitoring Period Outcome Variable** with “Successfully monitored for the recommended time period”



Final Monitoring Outcome

Final Monitoring Outcome

Successfully monitored for the recommended time period

Intake complete - no check-in(s)

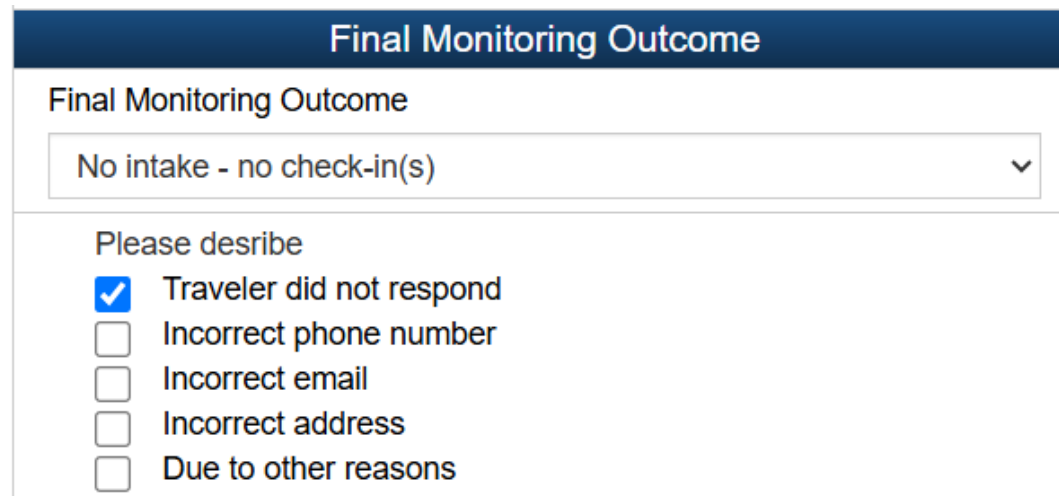
No intake - no check-in(s)

- Update the Case Report Form (CRF) Completed Variable in the Administrative Question Package to “yes.”

Travelers who are Unresponsive

For Travelers from Uganda or South Sudan, who are unresponsive after you've tried 2-3 times to contact them, using a combination of phone, email and/or texting:

- **Complete the Final Monitoring Period Outcome Variable with “no intake; no check-ins”**

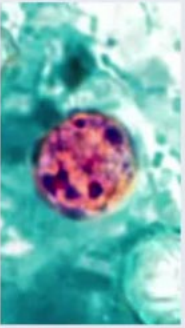


The screenshot shows a form titled "Final Monitoring Outcome". It contains a dropdown menu with the selected option "No intake - no check-in(s)". Below the dropdown, there is a section titled "Please describe" with five radio button options: "Traveler did not respond" (which is checked), "Incorrect phone number", "Incorrect email", "Incorrect address", and "Due to other reasons".

- Update the Case Report Form (CRF) Completed Variable in the Administrative Question Package to “yes.”

Cyclospora is making headlines!

CONCERNS GROWING OVER CYCLOSPORIASIS
PRIMARY SYMPTOMS



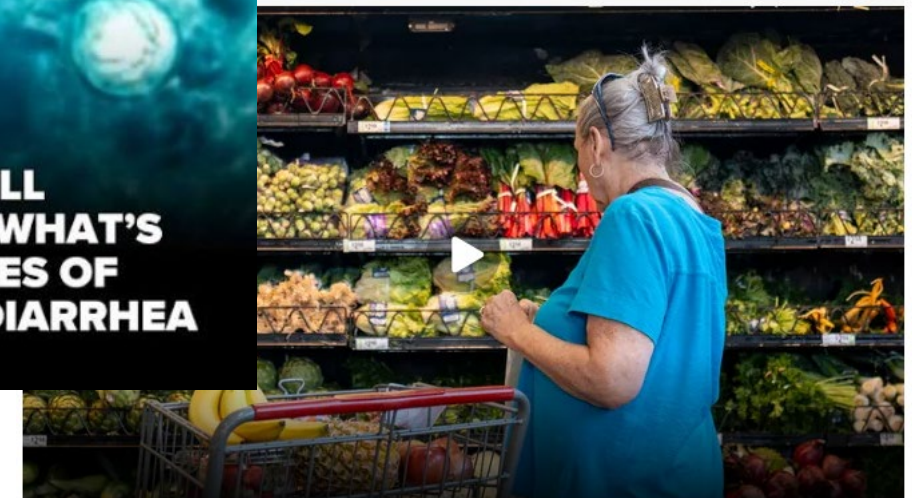
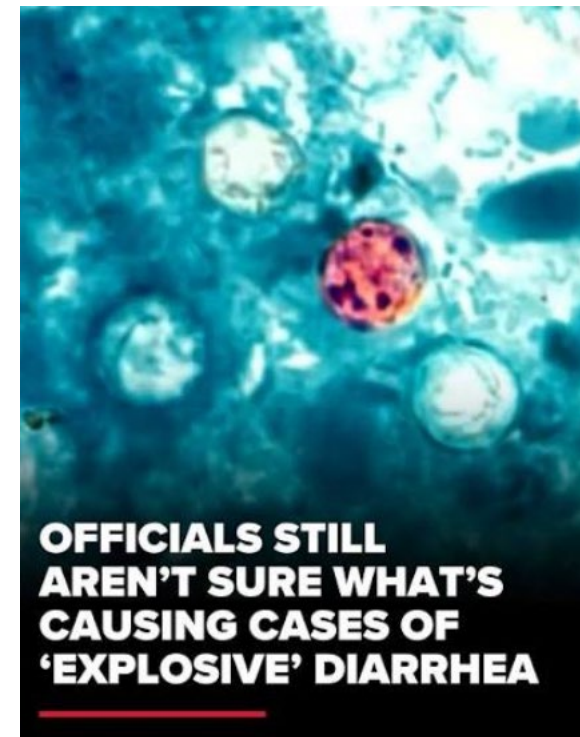
- SEVERE WATERY ("EXPLOSIVE") DIARRHEA
- ABDOMINAL CRAMPING
- BLOATING
- NAUSEA, FATIGUE
- POTENTIAL WEIGHT LOSS

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CDC INVESTIGATES AS MYSTERIOUS PARASITE LEAVES AMERICANS BATTLING EXPLOSIVE DIARRHEA ILLNESS



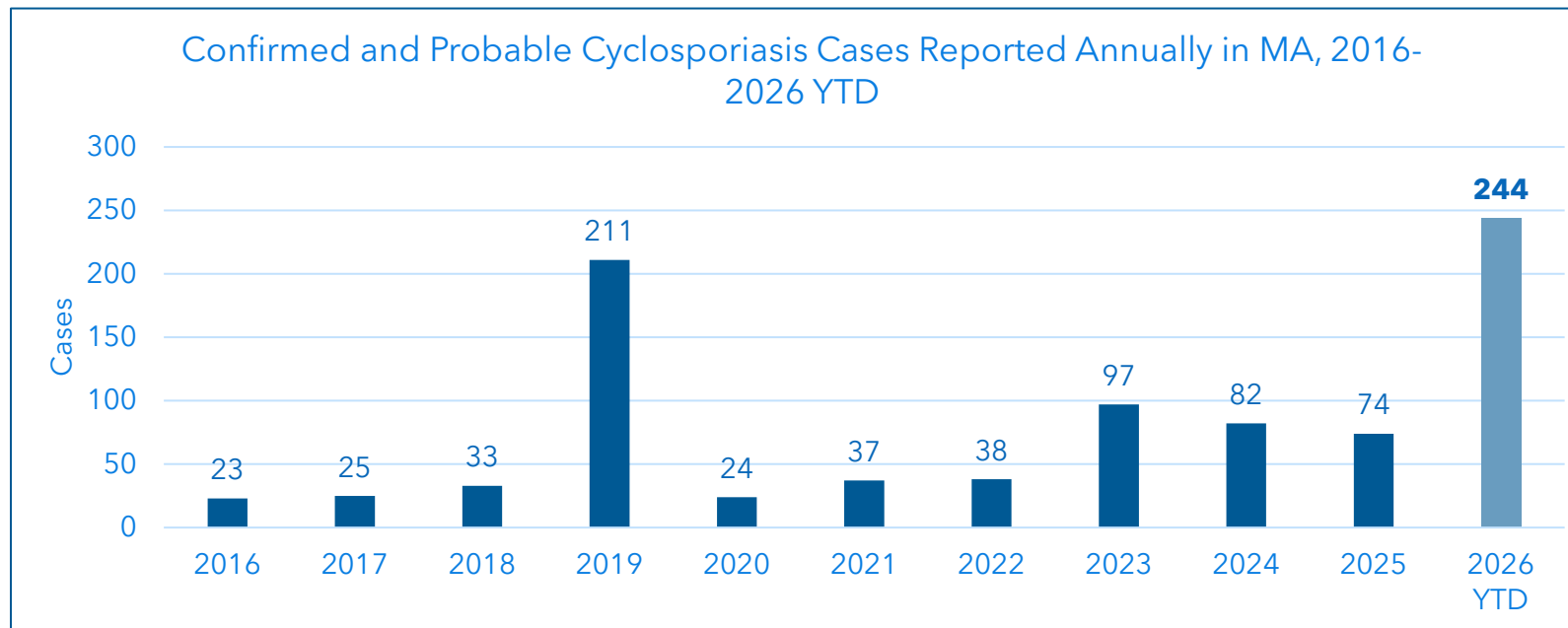
'Explosive diarrhea' cases surge across the US. What is cyclosporiasis?

Cyclosporiasis cases are rising across the U.S. as officials warn about contaminated produce and symptoms.

<https://www.cdc.gov/cyclosporiasis/php/surveillance/index.html>

Cyclospora Update for MA

- From 1/1/26 to 9/1/26, **244** confirmed and probable cyclosporiasis cases were reported to DPH
 - 242 were reported during Cyclo Season beginning May 1

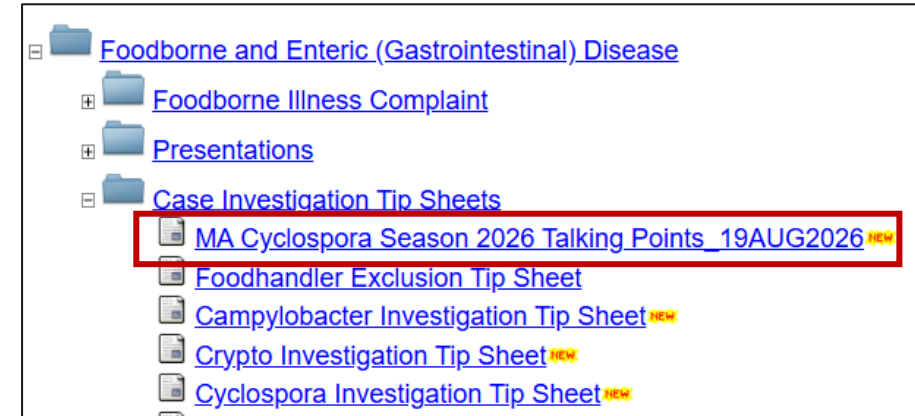


Data are current as of 09/01/2026 and include year-to-date (YTD) case counts through 09/01/2026. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

[Foodborne Waterborne Illness Data in MA](#)

Talking Points for LBOH

- Available on [MAVEN Help](#)
- MA saw an increase in cyclosporiasis cases with no out-of-state travel in mid-July
 - Cases reported each week remained high until the week of 8/9 when we began to see a decline
 - Most cases became ill during the first two weeks of July
 - There are MA cases who report exposures to food establishments who received [recalled Taylor Farms iceberg lettuce](#)
 - Exposures took place both in and outside of MA



Outbreaks in MA

- To date, DPH has investigated 10 local outbreaks of *Cyclospora* (with 2 to 12 cases in each) associated with
 - Restaurants
 - Residential communities
 - Healthcare settings
- Some of these settings received recalled Taylor Farms product
- Three of these outbreaks are still under investigation

Is Cyclo Season (May 1 –Aug 30) over?

- **Almost, but cases with illness onset before Sep 1 continue to be reported**
 - This is due to a delay in diagnosis or reporting
- If a case reports illness onset before Sep 1, the case should be fully investigated using the “CNHGGQ 2026” dynamic question package in MAVEN

Thank you for your Cyclo case investigations this summer!

