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***Cyclospora* Cluster Identified Associated with Potentially Contaminated Recalled Lettuce from Taylor Farms**

Key Points and Recommendations:

- The New Hampshire Division of Public Health (DPH) has identified 9 people diagnosed with a *Cyclospora* infection after consuming [recalled Taylor Farms lettuce](#) from the Cheshire Medical Center cafeteria. This cluster is likely related to the national [Cyclospora outbreak](#).
 - So far in 2026, DPH has identified 17 domestically-acquired *Cyclospora* infections (9 of which are associated with recalled produce) and 3 international travel-associated infections (total 20); historically fewer than 10 infections annually are identified in New Hampshire.
 - See our [website](#) for updated *Cyclospora* numbers.
- Review the recent [CDC HAN](#) and CDC's [clinical guidance](#).
- Consider testing for *Cyclospora* in patients who present with compatible [signs/symptoms](#) of infection, especially if they report risk factors such as international travel or consuming potentially contaminated recalled produce.
 - Check with your local clinical laboratory about how to order testing for *Cyclospora*, because routine stool tests (e.g., ova and parasite examination) may not detect *Cyclospora*.
 - Molecular-based PCR tests are preferred, if available, and are more sensitive to detect *Cyclospora*.
 - If microscopic examination of concentrated and stained fecal specimens (e.g. using a modified acid-fast stain) is used by your laboratory, then multiple tests on different days (e.g., from three specimens collected at least 24 hours apart) may be needed to detect *Cyclospora* because of intermittent oocyst shedding.
 - See the American Society for Microbiology's [guidelines on Cyclospora Detection](#).
- Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (Bactrim) is the preferred [treatment](#).
 - Most people with normal immune function will get better on their own without treatment but may have prolonged and/or remitting-relapsing illness.

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- Immunocompromised patients may need longer treatment courses.
 - Empiric treatment is generally not recommended but can be considered on a case-by-case basis if testing is unavailable or if a patient is experiencing severe illness while awaiting test results.
 - Report patients with *Cyclospora* to DPH at 603-271-4496 (after hours call 603-271-5300 and request the public health nurse on-call).

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- For any questions regarding this notification, please call the NH DHHS, DPH, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 during business hours (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.).
 - If you are calling after hours or on the weekend, please call the New Hampshire Hospital switchboard at (603) 271-5300 and request the Public Health professional on-call.
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