

The Yakima Health District (YHD) is investigating 10 confirmed and suspected cases of Salmonella infection among individuals who reported eating food at the Fourth of July event hosted by Imperial's Garden located at 4817 Lateral A Road, Wapato, WA 98951. This event was not related to the operations of Imperial's Garden farm stand and Imperial's Garden is working closely with the Yakima Health District to determine the source of the outbreak.

Symptoms of Salmonella infection typically develop 6 hours to 5 days after exposure. Individuals who attended the event and became ill would have most likely developed symptoms between July 5 and July 9. Symptoms of Salmonella infection typically include severe or bloody diarrhea, fever, chills, abdominal discomfort, and occasional vomiting.

Although symptoms may have been resolved, people infected with Salmonella can continue to shed the bacteria for several days to several months after illness.

Food workers who experienced symptoms consistent with Salmonella infection after attending the event should contact the Yakima Health District at (509) 249-6532. Food workers with confirmed Salmonella infection require approval to return to work from the Yakima Health District in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-215-02245. Restaurant operators are reminded to monitor employees for symptoms of foodborne illness and exclude ill employees from food handling duties in accordance with WAC 246-215-02220.

Learn more about Washington's food employee health policy.

About Salmonella

Salmonella are bacteria (germs) that can make people sick with an illness called salmonellosis.

People can get infected after swallowing Salmonella.

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