

Handling Staff Illnesses

If	Then
<p>The food handler has a sore throat with a fever.</p>	<p>Restrict the food handler from working with or around food. The food handler can work with or around food when he or she has a written release from a medical practitioner.</p> <p>Exclude the food handler from the operation if you primarily serve a high-risk population. The food handler must be cleared by his or her medical practitioner before returning to work.</p>
<p>The food handler has at least one of these symptoms from an infectious condition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vomiting • Diarrhea • Jaundice (yellow skin or eyes) 	<p>Exclude the food handler from the operation.</p> <p>Vomiting and diarrhea</p> <p>Food handlers must meet one of these requirements before they can return to work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have had no symptoms for at least 24 hours • Have a written release from a medical practitioner <p>Jaundice</p> <p>Food handlers with jaundice must be reported to the regulatory authority. Food handlers who have had jaundice for less than seven days must be excluded from the operation.</p> <p>Food handlers must have a written release from a medical practitioner and approval from the regulatory authority before returning to work.</p>
<p>The food handler has been diagnosed with a foodborne illness caused by one of these pathogens and has symptoms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis A • <i>Salmonella</i> Typhi • Enterohemorrhagic and shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> • Norovirus • <i>Shigella</i> spp. 	<p>Exclude the food handler from the operation. Work with the food handler's medical practitioner and the local regulatory authority to decide when the person can go back to work.</p> <p>Some food handlers diagnosed with these foodborne illnesses may not experience the usual symptoms, or their symptoms may be over. Work with the local regulatory authority to determine whether the food handler must be excluded from the establishment or restricted from working with or around food, and when the exclusion or restriction can be removed.</p>

This chart is only a guide. Work with your local regulatory authority to determine the best course of action.