For Health Professionals

Health Alerts

Health Alert Priority #100 Addendum - Salmonella Linked to East Aurora Field Days Outbreak - September 14, 2004

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH), Bureau of Disease Control / Epidemiology continues to investigate the outbreak associated with the East Aurora Firemen's Labor Day Field Days (September 6, 2004). The infectious agent was determined to be Salmonella Group E. The Erie County Department of Health is requesting the following of the healthcare providers:

- Any patients meeting the following criteria should be considered a suspect case of this outbreak (Salmonella) and must be reported to the ECDOH (716) 858-7697 (Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM):
 - o Onset of diarrheal disease on or after September 6, 2004
 - \circ AND
 - Attendance at the East Aurora Firemen's Labor Day Field Days
- No specific treatment is recommended.
- Patients employed as Food Handlers, Daycare Workers, or Healthcare Providers must be excluded from work until two consecutive stool samples (at least 24 hours apart) are found free of Salmonella. If an antibiotic is used for treatment, stool specimen collection must be delayed until 48 hours after completion of the antibiotic.
- Please document the patient's name, phone number, address, and occupation/place of
 employment (if applicable). The names of persons associated with each potential case
 (those who attended the event but did NOT become ill) should be documented as well.

For additional information:

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/submenus/sub_salmonella.htm http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/consumer/salmon.htm