

PRP/05: REPORTING OF ILLNESS & EXCLUSION OF FOOD HANDLERS

Hazards

1. **Microbiological**; risk of contamination with pathogenic bacteria from infected food handlers

Controls & Critical Limits	Monitoring Procedure	Frequency	Control Sheet	Corrective Action & By Whom
Illness and conditions reported e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> coughs/colds skin infections lesions discharge from eyes, ears, nose, mouth 	Competence-based questions	Ad-hoc basis	<i>FW/04: Infection reporting requirements</i>	Report such illnesses and conditions immediately (FH) Apply suitable waterproof dressing where appropriate (FH) Food-handler given 'safe' work where appropriate (LM)
Food-handlers with symptoms of vomiting and/or diarrhoea excluded from food-handling duties	Food safety inspection and evaluation of records	As per assigned category		Report symptoms of vomiting and/or diarrhoea (FH) Leave the premises with immediate effect (FH) Infected food handlers excluded with immediate effect (LM)
Food handlers symptom-free for 48-hours before return to work	Competence-based questions Evaluate records	As and when reported		Exclude infected food-handlers for duration of illness (LM)
'Return to work' interview carried out	Competence-based questions	Upon return-to-work		Carry out 'Return to work' interview (LM) Exclude food-handlers not complying with 'return-to-work' requirements (LM)
'Infection reporting requirements' completed and retained in unit	Evaluate records	Prior to food-handling duties		Review procedure for 'exclusion of food handlers' and completion and retention of records at unit-level (LM)
	Evaluate records	Commensurate to job and on annual basis		

For additional information on this subject please refer to the following procedures in the 'Food Safety Manual 2019':

• Section 7: Fitness to Work - FW/01: Exclusion of food handlers	• Section 7: Fitness to Work - FW/02: Reporting of vomiting and/or diarrhoea
• Section 7: Fitness to Work - FW/04: Infection reporting requirements	

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