Cyclospora Hypothesis-Generating Questionnaire for the Public Health Agency of Canada

Attached is the Public Health Agency of Canada's (PHAC) cyclospora hypothesis-generating questionnaire which can be used by Alberta Public Health investigators as a tool for information gathering and data collection during a cyclospora case investigation.

For cyclosporiasis reporting, Alberta Health requires that a Notifiable Disease Report (NDR) Form is completed for the case and submitted according to the reporting timeline set. Alberta Health **does not** require a copy of the questionnaire be submitted.

Questions regarding the cyclospora hypothesis-generating questionnaire can be directed to AHEZ@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you.



Cyclosporiasis Hypothesis Generating Questionnaire

Case ID:

National ID:

Questionnaire Background for Interviewer

If yes, please specify:

This questionnaire is designed to collect comprehensive information on possible risk factors for cyclosporiasis. More details are collected on high risk foods (berries, herbs and leafy greens), but please ask the case about all food items listed. Text is included above each food section to explain what information we are trying to capture and prompts to remind cases to include garnishes.

Since outbreaks of cyclosporiasis are often linked back to contaminated food products, it is critical to collect as much detail as possible on food exposures. Please collect as much details as possible for each item, including restaurant exposures. Also consider using a calendar to probe and collecting receipts, purchase data or loyalty cards if available.

The questionnaire is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete.

FOR LOCAL USE ONLY – PLEASE REMOVE THIS PAGE BEFORE SENDING TO PHAC				
i. Case Information:				
Case Name:	Proxy Name:			
Health Card Number:				
Street Address:	Home phone:			
City/Town:	Work phone:			
Postal Code:	Cell Phone:			
Physician:	Physician Phone:			
Occupation:	Place(s) of employment:			
ii. Symptoms:				
Date of first symptom onset: d / m / y Asymptomatic: □ Y □ N □ DK				
Symptoms: Watery Diarrhea* □ Y □ N □ DK Fever	□ Y □ N □ DK Abdominal cramps □ Y □ N □ DK			
Fatigue ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK Gas	□Y □N □DK Nausea □Y □N □DK			
Vomiting ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK Other:	☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK If other, please specify:			
*3 or more loose stools in a 24 hour period				
Underlying conditions or medications that suppress the immune system	(e.g. pregnancy, diabetes, cancer, steroids)? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK			

Cyclosporiasis Hypothesis Generating Questionnaire **Section 1. Case Information** Date of interview: d____ / m___ / y___ Case Interviewed by: Date reported to Health Unit/Authority: d____/ m____/ y___ Health Unit/Authority: Province/Territory: Respondent was: ☐ Case ☐ Parent ☐ Spouse ☐ Caretaker ☐ Other, specify: __ Sex: □ M □ F Age: _ **Section 2. Clinical Information** Positive specimen type(s): Date of first positive specimen collection: d_____ / m____ / y____ ☐ Stool ☐ Other, specify: ___ Date of diarrhea onset: d_____/ m____/ y_____ Date of first symptom onset: d_____/ m____/ y_____ Asymptomatic: □ Y □ N □ DK Date of admission: d_____ / m____ / y_____ Admitted* to hospital because of the illness? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK *Do not include individuals who visit an emergency room or outpatient clinic Date of discharge: d_____ / m____ / y____

Still hospitalized Date of Death: d_____ / m____ / y_____ Case deceased? ☐ Y ☐ N: **Section 3: Travel Information** In the 14 days before onset of illness, that is from d___/m___/y____ through d___/m___/y___, did (you/case) travel within or outside of Canada? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK If yes: ☐ Within Province/Territory ☐ Other Province(s)/Territory(ies) ☐ Outside Canada Specify travel destination(s) outside of Canada (country/town/resort): Departure: d___/ m___/ y____ Return: d___/ m___/ y____ If case spent entire incubation period outside of Canada, then stop interview here. If case spent part of incubation period within Canada, then continue interview to capture domestic exposures only. **Section 4. Social Gatherings** Did (you/case) attend any social gatherings in the 14 days prior to illness onset? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK (Note: can include weddings, parties, potlucks, religious events, community events, conferences, etc) If yes, complete information below: Event names/location/description: Are you aware of anyone else who became ill Date of gathering(s) with diarrhea following the gathering? d____/ m____/ y_____ to d____/ m____/ y____ □ Y □ N □ DK, if Yes, number ill? _____ d____/ m____/ y_____ to d____/ m____/ y____ ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK, if Yes, number ill? ___ d___/m___/ y____to d___/m___/ y___ ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK, if Yes, number ill? ___ d____/ m____/ y_____ to d____/ m____/ y___ ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ DK, if Yes, number ill? ___ Notes:

Case ID:

National ID:

Section 5. Food Establishments outside the home:				
In the 14 days prior to illness onset did (you/case) eat at any food establishments? (including food taken from a restaurant and eaten at home and samples eaten at establishments such as grocery stores)? We will ask you about what you ate later in this questionnaire.				
Food Establishment	Name(s)		Date(s)	Location(s)
Section 6. Home Food Purchase:	<u>i</u>			
Where did (you/case) usually purchase markets, specialty stores, ethnic markets			de grocery s	tores, farmers
*Consent form for collecting loyalty card information	is available from you	ur provincial/territorial health	authority or PH	IAC
Store Name		Location/Address		
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Section 7: Food Exposures		
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d/m/y through d	te during the 14 days before your illness onset date; that is from/m/y For each food item please give me your best guess as 're not sure but you probably ate the food, or you did not eat the food.	
BERRIES:		
14 days before your illness bega only interested in fresh berries th probably, or don't know if you at	sh berries, not canned, cooked, or frozen, you might have eaten during the n. You could have eaten these either in your home or away from home. I am nat were not grown at home. As I read each food, please answer yes, no, e the food in the 14 days before you got sick. Please remember that berries top of or on the sides of salads and desserts or in smoothies.	
Fresh strawberries	If purchased, how were they packaged	
□Y □P □N □DK	☐ loose ☐ plastic clamshell ☐ cardboard box/basket ☐ plastic basket ☐ from a salad bar	
	□ other:	
Were they eaten:	Please include as much information as possible on the berries purchased:	
☐ at home	□ Local (grown in Canada)	
☐ restaurant (name and location):	☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:	
	Brand/lot code:	
□ other, specify:	Store name/location:	
	Date purchased:	
	Date consumed:	
Fresh raspberries	If purchased, how were they packaged	
_Y _P _N _DK	☐ loose ☐ plastic clamshell ☐ cardboard box/basket ☐ plastic basket ☐ from a salad bar	
	□ other:	
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	Date purchased:	
	Date consumed:	
Fresh blackberries	If purchased, how were they packaged	
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	□ other:	
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☐ restaurant (name and location):	☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:	
	Brand/lot code:	
□ other, specify:	Store name/location:	
	Date purchased:	
	Date consumed:	

Fresh blueberries	If purchased, how were they packaged			
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	□ other:			
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	Brand/lot code:			
□ other, specify:	Store name/location:			
	Date purchased:			
	Date consumed:			
Other fresh berries	Product details:			
(e.g., mixed fruit platter)				
HERBS				
these could have been part of a d bottled herbs. I am also only intel herbs are often served as garnish	os that you may have eaten during the 14 days before illness began. Remember, lish such as pesto, salsa, sauces, etc. I am interested in fresh herbs, not dried or rested in fresh herbs that were not grown at home. Please remember that fresh nes on top of or on the sides of entrees and desserts. As I read each food, please it know if you ate the food in the 14 days before you got sick.			
Fresh basil	If purchased, how was it packaged			
_Y _P _N _DK	□ loose □ plastic clamshell □ tube □ from a salad bar □ other:			
Specify:	Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased:			
☐ Thai Basil (green leaves and purple stems	s) □ Local (grown in Canada)			
□ Other basil	☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:			
	Brand/lot code:			
Was it eaten:	Store name/location:			
☐ at home	Date purchased:			
☐ restaurant (name and location):	Date consumed:			
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□ other, specify:				
Fresh cilantro/coriander	If purchased, how was it packaged			
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☐ restaurant (name and location):	☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:			
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Spinach	If purchased, how was it packaged			
□Y □P □N □DK	☐ loose ☐ prepackaged in a bag ☐ prepackaged in a box/clamshell ☐ from a salad bar			
	□ other:			
Was it eaten:	Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased:			
☐ at home	☐ Local (grown in Canada)			
☐ restaurant (name and location):	☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:			
	Brand/lot code:			
☐ other, specify:	Store name/location:			
	Date purchased:			
	Date consumed:			
Mesclun lettuce	If purchased, how was it packaged			
□Y □P □N □DK	☐ loose ☐ prepackaged in a bag ☐ prepackaged in a box/clamshell ☐ from a salad bar			
	□ other:			
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☐ at home	☐ Local (grown in Canada)			
☐ restaurant (name and location):	☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:			
	Brand/lot code:			
□ other, specify:	Store name/location:			
	Date purchased:			
	Date consumed:			
Arugula	If purchased, how was it packaged			
	☐ loose ☐ prepackaged in a bag ☐ prepackaged in a box/clamshell ☐ from a salad bar			
	□ other:			
Was it eaten:	Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased:			
☐ at home	☐ Local (grown in Canada)			
☐ restaurant (name and location):	☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:			
	Brand/lot code:			
□ other, specify:	Store name/location:			
	Date purchased:			
	Date consumed:			
Prepackaged salad mix	If purchased, how was it packaged			
□Y □P □N □DK	☐ loose ☐ prepackaged in a bag ☐ prepackaged in a box/clamshell ☐ from a salad bar			
	□ other:			
Was it eaten:	Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased:			
☐ at home	□ Local (grown in Canada)			
☐ restaurant (name and location):	☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:			
,	Brand/lot code:			
☐ other, specify:	Store name/location:			
	Date purchased:			
	Date consumed:			
Other lettuce/leafy greens	Product details			
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OTHER FRESH VEGETABLES Now I have some questions about other fresh vegetables, not grown at home, that you may have eaten in the 14 days before your illness began. This does not include canned items, but these foods could have been eaten alone or as part of a dish. I am only interested in vegetables that were not grown at home. As I read each food, please answer as yes, no, probably, or don't know if you ate the food in the 14 days before you got sick. Peas If purchased, how were they packaged ☐ from a salad bar ☐ other: ___ \square Y \square P \square N \square DK □ loose □ prepackaged in a bag Specify: Snow peas (flat pods containing tiny peas) Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased: ☐ Local (grown in Canada) □Y □P □N □DK ☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:___ Snap peas (plump, crisp edible pods) Brand/lot code:_ □Y □P □N □DK Store name/location: ___ Other peas: ___ Date purchased: ___ □Y □P □N □DK Date consumed: Were they eaten: □ at home ☐ restaurant (name and location): □ other, specify: **Green onions** If purchased, how were they packaged □Y □P □N □DK □ loose □ prepackaged in a bag □ prepackaged in a box/clamshell □ from a salad bar □ other: ___ Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased: ☐ Local (grown in Canada) ☐ Imported (grown outside Canada) Country:_____ Brand/lot code: Store name/location: Date purchased: _____ Date consumed: __ OTHER FOODS Now I have some questions about other products containing fresh fruits, vegetables or herbs. This does not include canned items. I am only interested in that were not grown at home. As I read each food, please answer as yes, no, probably, or don't know if you ate the food in the 14 days before you got sick. Fresh Salsa If homemade list ingredients: $\square Y \square P \square N \square DK$ If Purchased, how was it packaged Was it eaten: ☐ in a jar ☐ in a plastic container ☐ other: ___ ☐ at home Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased:

Brand/lot code:_

Store name/location:

Date consumed: ____

Date purchased: ___

☐ restaurant (name and location):

☐ other, specify:

Guacamole	If homemade list ingredients:			
□Y □P □N □DK				
	If purchased, how was it packaged			
Was it eaten:	☐ in a jar ☐ in a plastic container ☐ other:			
☐ at home	Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased:			
☐ restaurant (name and location):	Brand/lot code:			
	Store name/location:			
□ other, specify:	Date purchased:			
	Date consumed:			
Pesto	If homemade list ingredients:			
_Y _P _N _DK				
	If purchased, how was it packaged			
Was it eaten:	☐ in a jar ☐ in a plastic container ☐ other:			
☐ at home	Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased:			
☐ restaurant (name and location):	Brand/lot code:			
	Store name/location:			
☐ other, specify:	Date purchased:			
	Date consumed:			
Any other foods containing fresh berries or herbs (salad, dip or salad dressing)	If homemade list ingredients:			
□Y □P □N □DK	If purchased, how was it packaged			
	□ in a jar □ in a plastic container □ other:			
Were they eaten:	Please include as much information as possible on the product purchased:			
☐ at home	Brand/lot code:			
☐ restaurant (name and location):	Store name/location:			
	Date purchased:			
□ other, specify:	Date consumed:			

Now I have some questions about fresh fruits and vegetables, not canned, cooked, or frozen, you might have eaten during the 14 days before your illness began. You could have eaten these either in your home or away from home. I am only interested in fresh fruits that were not grown at home. As I read each food, please answer yes, no, probably, or don't know if you ate the food in the 14 days before you got sick.					
OTHER FRESH FRUIT:					
Food item	Eaten	Product Details	Food item	Eaten	Product Details
Melon	□Y □P □N □DK		Grapes	□Y □P □N □DK	
Peaches	□Y □P □N □DK		Mangos	□Y □P □N □DK	
Nectarines	□Y □P □N □DK		Avocado	□Y □P □N □DK	
Apricots	□Y □P □N □DK		Coconut	□Y □P □N □DK	
Plums	□Y □P □N □DK		Citrus Fruits	□Y □P □N □DK	
Cherries	□Y □P □N □DK		Unpasteruized Fruit juice/cider	□Y □P □N □DK	
Apples	□Y □P □N □DK				
Other fresh fruits:	_Y □P □N □DK				
OTHER FRESH VEGETABLES:					
Food item	Eaten	Details	Food item	Eaten	Details
Tomatoes	□Y □P □N □DK		Broccoli	□Y □P □N □DK	
Cabbage	□Y □P □N □DK		Cauliflower	□Y □P □N □DK	
Sprouts	□Y □P □N □DK		Celery	□Y □P □N □DK	
Cucumbers	□Y □P □N □DK		Carrot	□Y □P □N □DK	
Bell pepper	□Y □P □N □DK		Onions	□Y □P □N □DK	
Hot pepper	□Y □P □N □DK		Garlic	□Y □P □N □DK	
Other fresh vegetables	□Y □P □N □DK				

OTHER FRUIT AND VEGETABLES