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MEMORANDUM

To: All DBHDS Licensed Providers

From: Jae Benz, Director, Office of Licensing

Cc: Heather Norton, Deputy Commissioner, Community Services
Dev Nair, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Provider Management
Susan Moon, Director of the Office of Integrated Health Supports Network (OIHSN)

Date: July 28, 2026

Re: VDH Cyclosporiasis Information for Stakeholders and Provider Reporting Reminders

Purpose: The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has shared information with sister agencies regarding cyclosporiasis in Virginia for distribution to stakeholders. Cyclosporiasis is an intestinal infection caused by the parasite Cyclospora, often linked to contaminated food or water. As of July 16, 2026, VDH publicly reported 79 cases of cyclosporiasis in 2026 – more than double the 5-year average reported year to date. Currently, there is no evidence that Virginia is experiencing an outbreak. Case counts typically rise in the spring and summer and may continue to increase. Beginning the week of July 20, 2026, VDH will post weekly Virginia case counts on its [Cyclosporiasis webpage](#). The Office of Licensing is sharing the following VDH-provided resources and reporting reminders with our providers and stakeholders.

The following resources have been provided by VDH and federal partners:

- [VDH Monthly Morbidity Surveillance Report:](#)
- [VDH Cyclosporiasis webpage:](#)
- [Surveillance of Cyclosporiasis | Cyclosporiasis | CDC:](#)
- [FDA Investigation – 5-state outbreak linked to iceberg lettuce \(July 2026\):](#)
- [CDC Cyclosporiasis outbreak \(July 2026\):](#)
- [CDC Cyclosporiasis clinical care guidance:](#)
- [VDH disease reporting and control regulations:](#)
- [VDH local health districts directory:](#)

➤ [VDH foodborne illness report \(My Meal Detective\):](#)

Public health reporting to VDH. Cyclosporiasis is a reportable disease of public health significance. Generally, DBHDS providers would not report individual occurrences to VDH (as those are reportable by the treating physician or lab). However, DBHDS licensed providers are required to report any outbreaks of cyclosporiasis to their local health department (see [12VAC5-90-90.H](#))

Serious incident reporting to DBHDS. Illness-related events may also trigger serious incident reporting obligations. Emergency room visits and unplanned medical hospital admissions for individuals receiving services are classified as Level II serious incidents under 12VAC35-105-20 and must be reported through the department's web-based reporting application within 24 hours of discovery. Providers should continue to follow their infection control, food safety, and health monitoring policies.

Prompt reporting not only meets regulatory requirements but also enables VDH to provide timely updates to providers and stakeholders, including information on case trends and emerging outbreaks.

Additional Resources and Training:

The DBHDS Office of Integrated Health (OIH) will be providing additional resources to providers on this topic. Further information will be distributed as it becomes available.