



SAN MATEO COUNTY

# HEALTH SYSTEM

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM

Main number 650-573-2346 ♦ fax 650-573-2919 ♦ after-hours emergency line 650-363-4981

### Public Health Advisory

September 30, 2013

### Increase in salmonellosis cases reported to San Mateo County

**Situation:** There has been a significant increase in the number of cases of salmonellosis that have been reported to San Mateo County over the past two weeks. San Mateo County Communicable Disease Control Program is working with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to gather information from clinicians and interview with patients, monitor the spread of disease, confirm the strain(s) involved, and determine whether the cases are linked or share a common source.

In order to identify additional cases of salmonellosis in San Mateo County and neighboring jurisdictions residents, San Mateo County Communicable Disease Control Program is conducting enhanced surveillance activities and is requesting the following.

#### **Actions requested of all clinicians and laboratories:**

- 1) **Remain alert** for additional cases of salmonellosis in adult or pediatric patients presenting with acute gastro-intestinal illness.
- 2) **Obtain stool samples for culture from ALL patients presenting with acute gastro-intestinal signs and symptoms.**
- 3) Clinical laboratories should **send Salmonella isolates** to San Mateo County Public Health Laboratory for confirmation and further characterization. For laboratory-related questions, please call the San Mateo County Public Health Laboratory at 650-573-2500.
- 4) **Report** all new cases of salmonellosis to San Mateo County Communicable Disease Control Program at 650-573-2346, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and at 650-363-4981 after hours, weekends and holidays.

Additional resources:

CDPH: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/discond/Pages/Salmonellosis.aspx>

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella>

*The Communicable Disease Program is available to help meet the reporting needs of, and answer questions for, San Mateo County providers. To report a disease or outbreak, please call 650-573-2346, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, or fax a Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) to 650-573-2919. You may download an electronic copy of the CMR at [smchealth.org/cmcr](http://smchealth.org/cmcr). Web-based reporting via CalREDIE is also available. Please contact us if you would like to know more about, and sign up for, web-based reporting. Non-urgent questions and/or general inquiries may be directed to [PH\\_CDControlUnit@smcgov.org](mailto:PH_CDControlUnit@smcgov.org).*

#### **Categories of urgency levels:**

Health Alert: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: provides information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate attention.