

***Cyclospora cayetanensis*/Parsley/Aug 2025 - CARA ID 1325**

Between 6/24/2025-9/11/2025, CORE Signals was notified of four restaurant clusters of Cyclospora illness associated with (b)(4) Points of Services (POS) and a caterer in (b)(5)

(b)(5) An ingredient level analysis conducted by (b)(5) partners found parsley to be an exposure of interest. Based on available epidemiologic data, FDA and state partners initiated a traceback investigation for 33 cases included in (b)(5) legs of traceback that reported consuming meals containing parsley at the (b)(5) points of service (POS) in (b)(5) (b)(5) traceback legs converged at (b)(4)

(b)(5) FDAs Office of Inspections and Investigations (OI)/Office of Human Food Inspectorate (OHFI) initiated records and information collection assignments at (b)(5) firms between 8/11/2025 and 9/1/2025. (b)(5) inspections were also conducted as part of this investigation. A joint inspection was conducted by the FDA, (b)(4) at (b)(4)

(b)(5) parsley import samples sourced from (b)(4) and (b)(5) (b)(4) sample was collected during the inspection at (b)(4)

(b)(5). Both samples were negative for Cyclospora. During this inspection, (b)(4) also collected (b)(5) water and (b)(5) parsley samples; these samples were not able to be analyzed due to a lack of reagents. (b)(4) also collected (b)(5) parsley samples during this inspection, which were reported negative for Cyclospora.

Based on available traceback and epidemiologic evidence, fresh parsley was identified as the confirmed vehicle for this outbreak, but a source of contamination was not identified during the investigation. As of 11/19/2025, this incident includes a total of 69 people with laboratory confirmed Cyclospora spp. infections in four states: (b)(5)

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