Cyclospora spp./(b)(5) (suspect)/May 2026 - CARA ID 1385

Beginning 5/1/2026, CDC and states initiated seasonal surveillance for domestically-acquired, laboratory-confirmed cases of *Cyclospora spp*. On 5/5/2026, OII OHFI East 1 ((b)(5)-DO) notified CORE Signals of the first cluster; CORE Signals collaborated with CDC and state partners to investigate multiple subclusters of cyclosporiasis linked to Mexican-style restaurants, with (b)(5) identified as the suspect vehicle across five epidemiologically linked clusters transferred to CORE Response Team 1. The five clusters were associated with restaurants in (b)(4) . Thirteen traceback assignments were drafted by CORE for distributors and suppliers of (b)(5) across (b)(5) . Traceback from four of five points of service converged on a single importer, (b)(4) sourcing (b)(5) from shipper (b)(4)), who supplied (b)(5) from two growers in the (b)(4) . The fifth point of service had protracted meal dates and data gaps that precluded definitive conclusions. Seven firms were added to increased import screening. FDA collected 11 import samples of (b)(5) and 2 import samples of (b)(5) ; of the 10 samples analyzed (3 were not analyzable due to shipping delays and product degradation), all tested negative for *Cyclospora*. No recalls or public advisories were issued. (b)(5) remained the suspect vehicle based on epidemiological and traceback evidence; (b)(5) was not confirmed as a vehicle due to the absence of laboratory evidence and lack of traceback convergence to a single grower across all points of service. As of 10/13/2026, this incident included (b)(5) laboratory-confirmed cases from (b)(5) states: (b)(5) with one hospitalization and no deaths reported.