

Foodborne Illness

A foodborne illness (food poisoning) occurs when one or more persons become ill from consuming contaminated food or beverages.

Symptoms may include nausea, prolonged vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pains, bloody stools (feces), and a fever.

All persons are at risk of foodborne illness. Each year in the United States, foodborne illness affect an estimated 48 million people.

If you or someone you know thinks they may have a foodborne illness:

Seek medical attention.

Report suspected foodborne illness to your provider.

If assigned to Fort Lee, ensure to notify the Chief of Environmental Health at (804) 734-9652

***Reporting foodborne illness to the appropriate sources in a timely manner helps them identify potential outbreaks of foodborne disease.**