



What is salmonella?

- A bacterium that causes an intestinal infection. Bacteria are found in raw eggs, unpasteurized milk, meat, poultry, and on pet reptiles such as turtles, snakes, iguanas, and alligators.

What are symptoms that could occur?

- Headache
- Nausea and vomiting
- Stomach ache
- Fever
- Diarrhea

How is it spread?

- Spread by eating food with the bacteria or by people who don't wash their hands after using the restroom, changing diapers, or working with raw eggs/poultry

How is it diagnosed and treated?

- Primary care provider evaluation and laboratory evaluation
- Other individuals in the family may need to be checked

Are there complications?

- Diarrhea and vomiting may cause the body to lose a lot of fluids, causing dehydration

How can salmonella be prevented?

- If you or your child is sick, stay home from work or school
- Wash all clothing, sheets, and diapers soiled by infected person with hot soapy water
- Wrap disposable diapers so that they are completely covered
- Wash hard surfaces, toys, and play surfaces with 1:100 bleach and water solution
- Do not eat raw eggs or unpasteurized milk, and cook meat well before eating
- Avoid cross-contamination of common cooking surfaces
- Baby chicks, young birds, and reptiles are not appropriate pets for small children

Should the sick individual be isolated?

- Yes. Infected person should be kept away from other people

When can the individual return to the general population?

- When the person feels well again and diarrhea has stopped for at least 24 hours

Should facilities do special cleaning

- Special cleaning is not necessary. Routine cleaning with EPA approved products is recommended

If I have any other questions, whom can I contact?

- Call the Genesee County Health Department at 257-1017