

Coastal Infection Records

A Louisiana exposure and treatment worksheet

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Medical care comes first. Seek immediate care for concerning wound symptoms after coastal-water or raw-seafood exposure. Tell the clinician about the exposure. Do not wait to complete this worksheet.

Patient initials: _____ Prepared by / relationship: _____

Exposure date(s): _____ First symptoms / time: _____

- ☐ List each water location, date, time, activity, and witness. Record cuts, scrapes, recent procedures, seafood handling or consumption, and when the wound became exposed.
- ☐ Record the sequence of symptoms, calls, transport, first examination, transfers, treatment, and follow-up. Identify estimates and facts learned from someone else.
- ☐ Keep original photographs, messages, receipts, booking records, work schedules, and location records. Do not return to unsafe water to collect samples or evidence.
- ☐ Request emergency, hospital, ambulance, wound-care, surgery, medication, discharge, and follow-up records for the relevant dates.
- ☐ Request laboratory reports with specimen site, collection date and time, organism identification, and preliminary and final results. Do not label an unconfirmed infection as *Vibrio*.
- ☐ Save dated warnings, closures, weather information, and any existing incident reports for the exact location and period. A later sample does not establish earlier conditions.
- ☐ If work was involved, preserve job assignments, vessel or site details, protective-equipment instructions, incident reports, and employer communications.
- ☐ Ask LDH how to provide exposure information securely: 504-568-8313 during office hours; its on-call route is 800-256-2748 outside office hours. These are not emergency-treatment lines.

Vibrio occurs naturally in coastal waters. Infection alone does not establish negligence or identify its source. Clinicians and laboratories have separate reporting duties. Seek timely advice if a workplace, vessel, business, or other potential claim is involved.

Next step / contact / reference: _____

Notes: _____

Full guide and sources: stephenbabcock.com

Sources: CDC *Vibrio* clinical overview and prevention guidance; LDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology.