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**ALERT
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To: Marion County Providers

Fax number:

From: Marion County Health & Human Services

Fax number: (503)566-2920

Date: **6/21/2024**

Regarding: Increase in Shigellosis

Phone number for follow-up: (503)588-5621

Dear Providers,

Marion County Health and Human Services has identified an increase in shigellosis cases in Marion County. Many of the cases have reported experiencing houselessness or having regular contact with people experiencing houselessness through work or other social interactions.

Please consider testing for Shigella if people experiencing houselessness present with diarrhea. Most cases can be managed without antimicrobial therapy. Severe cases (admitted to hospital or septic) may require antibiotic therapy based on results of susceptibility testing given emergence of resistance. Shigella is a notifiable condition in Oregon, and cases must be reported to the local public health department of patient's county of residence within one working day. Clinical laboratories should promptly forward isolates and specimens testing positive for Shigella by PCR to Oregon State Public Health Lab.

Please educate anyone experiencing diarrheal illness including shigella about how to prevent transmission. Hand washing; avoiding preparing or sharing food with others; avoiding swimming (and other recreational water activities); and avoiding sexual contact for at least 2 weeks after recovery can reduce transmission of diarrheal illness. Additionally, please advise individuals to remove shoes before entering tents, avoid sharing items that could be contaminated with stool, and avoid the living spaces of those experiencing symptoms of diarrheal illness to reduce spread.

If you have questions, please contact Marion County Public Health Communicable Disease Team at 503-588-5621.

CDC Shigella information: <https://www.cdc.gov/shigella/>

OHA Shigella information:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/diseasesconditions/diseasesaz/pages/shigellosis.aspx>

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