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Five Confirmed Cases of Shigellosis in Reno County

Reno County Health Department and Kansas Department of Health and Environment are currently investigating five confirmed cases of Shigellosis, and are testing other individuals who have shown symptoms of the illness.

Symptoms of Shigellosis include mild to severe diarrhea, fever, nausea, vomiting and stomach cramps. Stools may be watery or contain blood, mucus and pus. The symptoms usually last for several days, but may last for weeks. If you exhibit any of these symptoms, please contact your physician as soon as possible.

Shigellosis is easily spread from one person to another usually by hands, food, or drinking water contaminated with stool. Some people have no symptoms, yet may spread the disease to others.

“To prevent the spread of illness, practice frequent and thorough hand washing,” said Judy Seltzer, Reno County Health Department Administrator. “Wash hands with soap and warm water before and after preparing and eating food and after toileting and diapering.” The Health Department also encourages parents and providers to assist small children with hand washing.

For more information, contact the Reno County Health Department at 620-694-2900.

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