Disease Outbreaks

There were no large outbreaks due to any named reportable diseases in 2004; most of the 163 reported outbreaks were gastroenteritis, 97 of the 163 (59%) were Norwalk-like viruses. Though we had the garden variety of salmonellosis clusters (S. Agbeni, S. Bovismorbificans, S. Litchfield, S. Saintpaul, S. Heidelberg), a cluster of 7 confirmed cases of Salmonella Enteritidis resulted in the international recall of 13 million pounds of raw almonds.

2004 Outbreaks by Etiology

97 Norwalk-like viruses
22 Salmonella
  3 Campylobacter
  2 Varicella
  2 Vibrio parahaemolyticus
  2 Clostridium perfringens
  1 E. coli O157:H7
  1 Botulism
  1 Mushroom poisoning
  1 Enterotoxigenic E. coli
  1 Group A Streptococcus
  1 Mycobacterium
  1 Mycoplasma
  1 Bordetella pertussis
  1 Pseudomonas
  1 Shigella
  1 Staphylococcus