

Disease outbreak by etiology

We investigated a total of 220 outbreaks in 2006. The vast majority of outbreaks that are reported and investigated are gastroenteritis. More than half of these were person-to-person outbreaks of Norwalk-like virus, the majority of which occurred in long-term care facilities or assisted-living communities. In 38 outbreaks foodborne transmission was identified. The largest foodborne outbreak was a nationwide spinach-associated *E. coli* O157:H7 infection, to which Oregon contributed five cases. Shigellosis was responsible for 35 persons becoming ill after eating at a Yamhill County restaurant. Two small listeriosis outbreaks were noted, one found to be associated with pasteurized artisanal sheep cheese. Consumption of raw oysters from Hood Canal resulted in a prolonged outbreak of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* with 14 Oregon cases adding to the hundreds of victims nationwide. Other highlights include nine persons in Crook County developing cryptosporidiosis after contact with some sick calves.

