Foodborne Illness Outbreaks

Outbreak: A foodborne disease involving two or more cases who eat a common food, which is confirmed as the source of the illness.

Most foodborne illnesses go unreported.

Foodborne illnesses per year:

- Reported: 48,000,000
- Unreported: 960,000

Hospitalizations caused by foodborne illness per year:

- Reported: 128,000
- Unreported: 2,560

Deaths caused by foodborne illness per year:

- Reported: 3000
- Unreported: 60

$77.7 billion is spent on foodborne illness related health care costs every year.

Facilities that receive a report of illness are required to report to the health department.