

## Screening Questions for *Clostridium difficile* Telephone Interview

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**Q1 TO THE PERSON WHO ANSWERS THE PHONE, IF ADULT, OTHERWISE ASK TO SPEAK TO AN ADULT:**  
**Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I'm calling from the [EIP SITE NAME]. May I please speak to [POTENTIAL ENROLLEE]?**

\_\_\_ YES: PERSON WHO ANSWERED IS POTENTIAL ENROLLEE; GO TO Q4.

\_\_\_ YES: COMING TO THE PHONE; GO TO Q3.

\_\_\_ NO: PERSON IS NOT AT THIS NUMBER; GO TO Q1.1.

\_\_\_ NO: BUT PERSON IS DECEASED: I'm sorry. I was not aware of your loss. I would like to offer my condolences to you and your family. Would this be a good time to talk to you about their recent *Clostridium difficile* infection or should I call back another time? GO TO Q8.

\_\_\_ NO: BUT PERSON IS INCAPACITATED; GO TO Q8

\_\_\_ DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH; RECORD LANGUAGE IN COMMENT SECTION OF **PHONE LOG**. We will try to call back with someone who speaks Spanish. IF CASE SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH OR SPANISH, HE/SHE IS NOT ELIGIBLE. =STOP=

**Q1.1 Do you know at what phone number I could reach him/her?**

\_\_\_ YES, ALTERNATE NUMBER; RECORD ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER ON **PHONE LOG**. Thank you very much for your help. Good-bye. =STOP=

\_\_\_ YES, THIS NUMBER; GO TO Q2; HOWEVER IF RESPONDENT STATES THAT THE PERSON DOES NOT LIVE HERE BUT COULD BEST BE REACHED AT THIS NUMBER, GO TO Q1.2.

\_\_\_ NO; OR DON'T KNOW: VERIFY THAT YOU HAVE DIALED THE NUMBER NOTED ON **PHONE LOG**. Sorry, I must have the wrong number. =STOP=

**Q1.2 Do you know the phone number for [POTENTIAL ENROLLEE]'s home?**

\_\_\_ Yes; RECORD NUMBER ON **PHONE LOG** AS THE PHONE NUMBER OF PRIMARY RESIDENCE, IN CASE IT IS NEEDED. Thank you very much for your time. Good bye. =STOP=

\_\_\_ No; GO TO Q1.3.

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**Q1.3** Along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and health departments in other states, we are investigating cases of *Clostridium difficile* infection that occur in the community. His/her participation in this investigation is very important. When would be a good time to reach him/her? **RECORD PERSON'S NAME TO ASK FOR, AND DAY/TIME TO CALL ON PHONE LOG.** Thank you very much for your time. Good-bye. =STOP=

Q2 May I speak with him/her?  
\_\_\_ Yes; **BUT NOT HOME; GO TO Q2.1.**  
\_\_\_ Yes; **COMING TO THE PHONE; GO TO Q3.**  
\_\_\_ No; **GO TO Q1.3.**

Q2.1 Is there another phone number at which I could reach him/her?  
\_\_\_ Yes; **RECORD ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER ON PHONE LOG.** Thank you very much for your time. =STOP=  
\_\_\_ No; When would be a good time to call back to reach him/her? **[RECORD DAY/TIME ON PHONE LOG].** Thank you very much for your time. =STOP=

Q3 Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling from the **MONROE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.** We are conducting surveillance on all cases of *Clostridium difficile*, which is an infection that causes diarrhea. Are you **[POTENTIAL ENROLLEE]**?  
\_\_\_ Yes; **GO TO Q4.** \_\_\_ No; **GO TO Q2.**

Q4 Because *Clostridium difficile* has been designated a disease of public health importance, the **Monroe County Department of Public Health** is notified whenever a person has been diagnosed with this infection. We recently learned that you had a positive test for *Clostridium difficile*, which is why we are calling you.

We are doing surveillance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to learn why some people get *Clostridium difficile* infection in the community.

Participation is voluntary and involves completing a 30-minute interview over the phone. It will include questions about your visits to hospitals, illnesses, and recent medications. You may choose not to answer any question. May I tell you more about this surveillance study?

\_\_\_ Yes; **GO TO Q5.** \_\_\_ No; **GO TO Q4.1.**

**Q4.1** Your participation in this investigation is very important. We are trying to determine why people get *Clostridium difficile* infection in the community. May I schedule a time to talk that would be better for you?  
\_\_\_ Yes; **RECORD DAY/TIME ON PHONE LOG.** Thank you very much for your time. =STOP=  
\_\_\_ No; Sorry to have disturbed you. Good-bye. =STOP=

Q5 Before we proceed, I would like to ask few questions to make sure you are eligible for this investigation; **GO TO Q5.1.**

Q5.1 **CRITERION #1: EXPOSURE TO HEALTHCARE** – Did [you/your child] stay overnight in a hospital, long term care facility, or nursing home in the 12 weeks before the collection of [your/your child's] stool on [SPECIMEN COLLECTION DATE \_\_\_\_\_]?

\_\_\_ **No, GO TO Q5.2.**

\_\_\_ **YES, Thank you very much for taking the time to answer these questions. However, we are only interviewing people who did not stay overnight in a healthcare facility in the 12 weeks before their positive test. We appreciate your time and willingness to participate in this surveillance. Do you have any questions for me? =STOP=**

Q5.2 **CRITERION #2: RECURRENT CASE EXCLUSION** – Had [you/your child] been diagnosed with *C. difficile* in the 8 weeks before the collection of [your/your child's] stool specimen on [SPECIMEN COLLECTION DATE \_\_\_\_\_]?

\_\_\_ **Yes, Thank you very much for taking the time to answer these questions. However, we are only interviewing people who did not have a previous *C. difficile* diagnosis. We appreciate your time and willingness to participate in this research study. Do you have any questions for me? =STOP=**

\_\_\_ **No, Okay, thank you. You are eligible to participate in the interview; I will now read the consent form; GO TO Q6.**

Q6 **READ CONSENT FORM; DID CASE GIVE CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE?**

\_\_\_ **YES; GO TO Q6.1;**

\_\_\_ **NO; ASK IF YOU CAN CALL BACK AT MORE CONVENIENT TIME; IF YES, RECORD DAY/TIME ON PHONE LOG. Thank you very much for your time. =STOP=**

Q6.1 **I will send you a copy of the CONSENT FORM within the next 1-2 weeks for your records. GO TO SECTION 3 OF ENROLLEE INTERVIEW.**

**IF PERSON WANTS TO PARTICIPATE BUT THIS IS A BAD TIME, ASK IF YOU CAN CALL BACK AT MORE CONVENIENT TIME; RECORD DAY/TIME ON PHONE LOG.**