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**Title:** Enhanced public health surveillance for cyclosporiasis in the United States

**Project Id:** 0900f3eb821e6c67

**Accession #:** CGH-ET-8/15/23-e6c67

**Project Contact:** Anne Straily

**Organization:** CGH/DPDM/PDB/ET

**Status:** **Project In Progress**

**Intended Use:** **Project Determination**

**Estimated Start Date:** 08/28/2023

**Estimated Completion Date:** 09/30/2026

**CDC/ATSDR HRPO/IRB Protocol #:**

**OMB Control #:** 0920-1198

## Determinations

| Determination                           | Justification   | Completed | Entered By & Role              |
|---|---|-----------|--------------------------------|
| HSC:<br>Does NOT Require HRPO<br>Review | Not Research - Public Health Surveillance<br><i>45 CFR 46.102(1)(2)</i> | 8/22/23   | Abel_Jason A. (jza5) CIO HSC   |
| PRA:<br>PRA Applies                     |   | 8/31/23   | Abel_Jason A. (jza5) OMB / PRA |

ICRO:  
PRA Applies

OMB Approval date: 9/30/20  
OMB Expiration date: 9/30/23

8/31/23

Zirger\_Jeffrey (wtj5) ICRO Reviewer

## Description & Funding

### Description

**Priority:** Standard

**Date Needed:** 08/28/2023

**Determination Start Date:** 08/15/23

**Description:**

Cyclosporiasis is a nationally notifiable diseases in the United States. In jurisdictions where cyclosporiasis is reportable, healthcare providers and laboratories are required to report cases of illness to their state or local health department. The Cyclosporiasis National Hypothesis Generating Questionnaire (CNHGQ) is used by health officials at the state or local health department to interview patients with reported cases of cyclosporiasis and collects clinical and travel history, produce consumption, and restaurant and grocery store exposures. Health departments notify CDC of cases of nationally notifiable and reportable diseases so that CDC may compile national-level data for the United States. CDC uses this data to monitor, measure, and alert healthcare providers, public health partners, and the public to outbreaks and other public health threats and collaborates with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to conduct traceback investigations for implicated food vehicles. This protocol does not describe a specific study, rather it describes the receipt and use of cyclosporiasis surveillance data by epidemiologists at CDC that was collected using the CDC-designed CNHGQ.

**IMS/CIO/Epi-Aid/Lab-Aid/Chemical Exposure Submission:** No

**IMS Activation Name:** Not selected

**Primary Priority of the Project:** Not selected

**Secondary Priority(s) of the Project:** Not selected

**Task Force Associated with the Response:** Not selected

**CIO Emergency Response Name:** Not selected

**Epi-Aid Name:** Not selected

**Lab-Aid Name:** Not selected

**Assessment of Chemical Exposure Name:** Not selected

**Goals/Purpose**

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public health partners, and the public to outbreaks and other public health threats and collaborates with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to conduct traceback investigations for implicated food vehicles.

Public health surveillance data collected about confirmed and probable cases of cyclosporiasis shows where and how often the disease occurs in a particular area, who is affected (demographic, clinical, and epidemiological characteristics), how they are affected (course of clinical illness and care received), and how they were potentially infected (produce consumption and restaurant and grocery store exposures). This information enables state and local health officials and CDC to understand where cyclosporiasis is occurring, how cyclosporiasis can be prevented, which groups are most heavily impacted, identify outbreaks, identify disease trends and, work with partner agencies (e.g., FDA) and other external stakeholders to implement measures to mitigate and control the spread of disease.

**Objective:**

**Does your project measure health disparities among populations/groups experiencing social, economic, geographic, and/or environmental disadvantages?:** No

**Does your project investigate underlying contributors to health inequities among populations /groups experiencing social, economic, geographic, and/or environmental disadvantages?:** No

**Does your project propose, implement, or evaluate an action to move towards eliminating health inequities?:** No

**Activities or Tasks:** Programmatic Work

**Target Populations to be Included/Represented:** General US Population

**Tags/Keywords:** Cyclosporiasis ; Public Health Surveillance ; Foodborne Diseases

**CDC's Role:** CDC employees or agents will obtain or use anonymous or unlinked data or biological specimens

**Method Categories:** Outbreak Investigation; Surveillance Support

**Methods:**

Public health surveillance for cyclosporiasis is ongoing. In states where cyclosporiasis is reportable, cases of cyclosporiasis are reported to the state or local health department. Participants (patients diagnosed with cyclosporiasis) are then interviewed at least once by state or local public health officials, although follow up with patients involved in an outbreak or other public health investigation may be necessary. State or local health officials may be contacted by CDC epidemiologists for additional information depending on the course of the investigation; CDC staff do not contact or interview patients. Analysis of surveillance data collected via the CNHGQ is also continual and includes both descriptive analyses and exploratory studies where exposure information is re-analyzed as new cases are reported to identify potentially emerging signals that may indicate a particular produce item or point of sale/service as a source of illness. The study population are U.S. residents diagnosed with cyclosporiasis. The cyclosporiasis case definition was determined by the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE). Cases are identified by electronic laboratory reporting of positive test results to the state or local health department; physicians may also report cases to their state or local health department. The number of cases reported will vary by location and over time. Patients diagnosed with cyclosporiasis are interviewed by state or local public health officials in jurisdictions where the disease is reportable using the CNHGQ or a state-adapted version of it. That information is then transmitted to CDC electronically. CDC epidemiologists receive and compile reported case data into a database using a specially designed R-shiny tool for further analysis. Key variables that are collected include demographic, clinical and travel history, and exposure data. The data are analyzed continually, utilizing both descriptive and exploratory methods to determine both national level disease estimates (e.g., case counts by year, state, sex, race/ethnicity, age) and identify trends in disease occurrence. Data are stored electronically in a secured folder by disease with restricted access only

for staff working with and granted access to that data. Patients diagnosed with cyclosporiasis are assigned a unique case ID by their state or local health department and this case ID is provided on data sent to CDC. Data are stored electronically in a secure folder by disease with restricted access only for staff working with and granted access to the data. Electronic data are retained indefinitely. Any paper forms received are entered into that disease#s electronic database and the paper copy destroyed.

**Collection of Info, Data or Biospecimen:**

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**Expected Use of Findings/Results and their impact:**

**Could Individuals potentially be identified based on Information Collected?** No

## Funding

Funding yet to be added .....

## HSC Review

## Regulation and Policy

**Do you anticipate this project will need IRB review by the CDC IRB, NIOSH IRB, or through reliance on an external IRB?** No

**Estimated number of study participants**

**Population - Children**

Protocol Page #:

**Population - Minors**

Protocol Page #:

**Population - Prisoners**

Protocol Page #:

**Population - Pregnant Women**

Protocol Page #:

**Population - Emancipated Minors**

Protocol Page #:

**Suggested level of risk to subjects**

**Do you anticipate this project will be exempt  
research or non-exempt research**

### **Requested consent process wavers**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Informed consent for adults</b>                          | No Selection |
| <b>Children capable of providing assent</b>                 | No Selection |
| <b>Parental permission</b>                                  | No Selection |
| <b>Alteration of authorization under HIPPA Privacy Rule</b> | No Selection |

### **Requested Waivers of Documentation of Informed Consent**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Informed consent for adults</b>          | No Selection |
| <b>Children capable of providing assent</b> | No Selection |
| <b>Parental permission</b>                  | No Selection |

### **Consent process shown in an understandable language**

|  |              |
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| <b>Reading level has been estimated</b>                            | No Selection |
| <b>Comprehension tool is provided</b>                              | No Selection |
| <b>Short form is provided</b>                                      | No Selection |
| <b>Translation planned or performed</b>                            | No Selection |
| <b>Certified translation / translator</b>                          | No Selection |
| <b>Translation and back-translation to/from target language(s)</b> | No Selection |
| <b>Other method</b>  | No Selection |

## Clinical Trial

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Involves human participants                                     | No Selection |
| Assigned to an intervention                                     | No Selection |
| Evaluate the effect of the intervention                         | No Selection |
| Evaluation of a health related biomedical or behavioral outcome | No Selection |
| Registerable clinical trial                                     | No Selection |

## Other Considerations

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Exception is requested to PHS informing those bested about HIV serostatus                 | No Selection |
| Human genetic testing is planned now or in the future                                     | No Selection |
| Involves long-term storage of identifiable biological specimens                           | No Selection |
| Involves a drug, biologic, or device  | No Selection |
| Conducted under an Investigational New Drug exemption or Investigational Device Exemption | No Selection |

## Institutions & Staff

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### Institutions

Institutions yet to be added .....

### Staff

| Staff Member | SIQT Exp. Date | CITI Biomedical Exp. Date | CITI Social & Behavioral Exp. Date | CITI Good Clinical Practice Exp. Date | Staff Role             | Email        | Phone        | Organization      |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Anne Straily | 07/21/2026     |                           | 06/02/2024                         |                                       | Principal Investigator | yzv2@cdc.gov | 404-718-1422 | Epidemiology Team |
| Lauren Ahart | 07/05/2026     |                           | 09/05/2025                         |                                       | Co-Investigator        | nox7@cdc.gov | 404-718-3207 | Epidemiology Team |

|                  |            |            |            |  |                 |              |              |                   |
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| Marion Rice      | 01/30/2026 | 12/10/2024 | 01/13/2026 |  | Co-Investigator | Inv1@cdc.gov | 404-718-6865 | Epidemiology Team |
| Susan Montgomery | 06/26/2026 | 06/24/2024 |            |  | Program Lead    | zqu6@cdc.gov | 404-718-4731 | Epidemiology Team |

## Data

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### DMP

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|---|--|
| <b>Proposed Data Collection Start Date:</b>           | 8/28/23  |
| <b>Proposed Data Collection End Date:</b>             | 9/30/26  |
| <b>Proposed Public Access Level:</b>                  | Public   |
| <b>Public Access Justification:</b>                   | Case surveillance data for nationally notifiable disease |
| <b>How Access Will Be Provided for Data:</b>          | Data use agreement                                       |
| <b>Plans for Archival and Long Term Preservation:</b> | Data will be stored electronically.                      |

### Spatiality

Spatiality (Geographic Locations) yet to be added .....

### Dataset

| Dataset Title              | Dataset Description | Data Publisher /Owner | Public Access Level | Public Access Justification | External Access URL | Download URL | Type of Data Released | Collection Start Date | Collection End Date |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Dataset yet to be added... |                     |                       |                     |                             |                     |              |                       |                       |                     |

## Supporting Info

| Current | CDC Staff Member and Role              | Date Added | Description  | Supporting Info Type             | Supporting Info  |
|---------|--|------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
|         | Zirger_Jeffrey (wtj5)<br>ICRO Reviewer | 08/31/2023 | NOA 0920-1198 (2020)   | Notice of Action                 | NOA 0920-1198_2020.pdf                                   |
| Current | Straily_Anne (yzv2)<br>Project Contact | 08/30/2023 | Updated protocol with correct OMB control number.              | Protocol                         | Protocol for CNHGQ_updated.docx                          |
| Current | Straily_Anne (yzv2)<br>Project Contact | 08/15/2023 | CNHGQ  | Data Collection Form             | CNHGQ 2021_fillable.pdf                                  |
| Current | Straily_Anne (yzv2)<br>Project Contact | 08/15/2023 | OMB/PRA template form  | Paperwork Reduction Act Form     | OMB-PRA template for DPDM_CNHGQ renewal.docx             |
|         | Straily_Anne (yzv2)<br>Project Contact | 08/15/2023 | Protocol for collection and use of surveillance data via CNHGQ | Protocol                         | Protocol for CNHGQ.docx                                  |
| Current | Straily_Anne (yzv2)<br>Project Contact | 08/15/2023 | DPDM Project determination form                                | Other-Project determination form | 338035-A_DPDM-Proj-Det-Form-4-508_Cyclo Surveillance.pdf |



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