

Food Protection Program Vibrio Investigation Protocol

LBOH will conduct retail inspection with a focus on cross contamination and time/temp abuse with FPP Inspector providing remote support.

FPP inspector will contact retail establishment to remotely collect required documentation.

FPP Inspector will conduct wholesale investigation.

- FPP Foodborne Illness team calls the LBOH and requests to speak with a health agent/director to inform the LBOH that a Vibrio investigation needs to be conducted at one of their retail establishments.
- FPP informs the LBOH of the assigned FPP Inspector and their cell number and encourage the LBOH to contact the FPP inspector to receive guidance remotely. We inform the LBOH that the FPP inspector will be contacting the firm to collect traceback documents.
- After speaking with the LBOH over the phone, follow up with an email providing the Vibrio Case Information Form, Food History PDF, Vibrio Traceback - ***Retail Job Aid**, and outline the time frame for information turn around; 2 business days or ASAP.
 - Example: “Please conduct an inspection with a focus on [suspected food] served on [date] from [time to time]. During the inspection, identify if there is evidence of cross contamination and/or time/temperature abuse. This could include checking temperature logs for that time frame provided, observing practices in real time, etc. [FPP inspector] will be contacting the establishment to collect needed records to conduct further traceback of the product in a timely manner. Please contact [FPP inspector] with any questions at [phone number].”
- FPP inspector will obtain retail tags, invoices, and other pertinent retail documents and then proceed with the wholesale investigation. ***See Guidance Document for checklist.**
- Once the retail and whole traceback exercise is complete, the FPP inspector returns all collected documents and written reports to the FPP Foodborne Illness team.
- FPP Foodborne Illness team files the documents into the appropriate MAVEN event and update internal tracking documents to monitor growing areas.