

CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS

WHAT IS CRYPTOSPORIDIUM?

An infection caused by the microscopic parasite cryptosporidium

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

- Diarrhea
- Stomach pain
- Fever
- Weight loss
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Dehydration

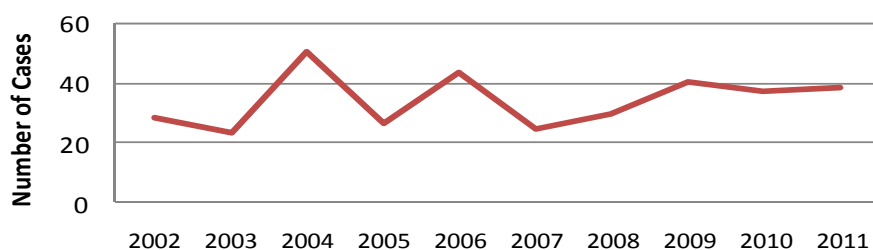
HOW IS IT SPREAD?

- Eating contaminated foods or drinking contaminated beverages
- Swallowing contaminated water from pools, ponds and lakes
- Being exposed to human feces through sexual contact

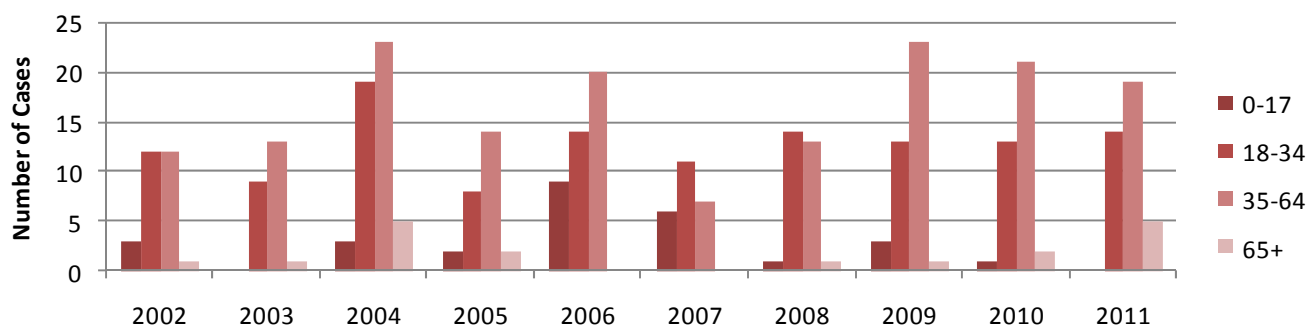
HOW CAN I PREVENT INFECTION?

- Avoid water that might be contaminated.
- Minimize contact with feces. Use disposable gloves.
- Wash hands with soap and water after contact with feces and before and after eating.
- Exclude children with diarrhea from day care until the diarrhea has stopped.
- Shower before and after swimming.
- Wash hands after gardening, even if wearing gloves.
- Change diapers in the bathroom, not poolside.

Cases of Cryptosporidiosis, DeKalb County, 2002-2011



Cases of Cryptosporidiosis, by Age, DeKalb County, 2002-2011



HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Call the DeKalb County Board of Health at (404) 508-7851.
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