

 <p>Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2017 Biennial Meeting</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Growing Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harvesting/Handling/Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative
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Proposal Subject	State MOU for Reporting of Shellfish Related Illnesses
Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section II. Model Ordinance Chapter I. Shellfish Sanitation Program @.01. Administration
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	<p>Chapter I. Shellfish Sanitation Program @.01. Administration</p> <p>F. Epidemiologically Implicated Outbreaks of Shellfish-Related Illness.</p> <p>The Authority shall:</p> <p><u>(1) Develop an MOU with the appropriate State agencies responsible for collecting epidemiological information related to reported foodborne illnesses. The MOU shall outline the procedure to ensure that all shellfish related illnesses are reported to the shellfish Authority(s).</u></p> <p><u>(2) Have procedures for investigating incidents of shellfish borne disease.</u></p>
Public Health Significance	<p>Illness reporting is a fundamental and necessary component of an effective food safety system. The NSSP presently does not address mechanisms for ensuring that shellfish Authorities receive shellfish related illness information in a manner which allows for effective regulatory action to minimize outbreaks. The NSSP does require that shellfish Authorities have procedures for investigating illness; however, the Model Ordinance does address State illness reporting mechanisms.</p>
Cost Information	