Proposal No. 2 7 - 2 1 9

Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2027 Biennial Meeting *(Tab to go to next field)*	1. a. ☐ Growing Area b. ☒ Harvesting/Handling/Distribution c. ☐ Administrative
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9. Proposal Subject	Growing Area Closure Period due to V.p. Cases
10. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section II Model Ordinance Chapter II. @.02 A. (9) (a) and (b)
11. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	When a growing area has been closed as a result of *V.p.* cases, the Authority shall keep the area closed for the following periods of time to determine if additional illnesses have occurred: (a) The area will remain closed for a minimum of fourteen (14) days from the date of closure when ~~the risk exceeds one (1) illness per 100,000 servings within a thirty (30) day period or~~ cases exceed four (4) but not more than ten (10) cases over a thirty (30) day period from the implicated area or two (2) or more cases but less than four (4) cases occur from a single harvest date from the implicated area. (b) The area will remain closed for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days from the date of closure when the number of cases exceeds ten (10) illnesses within thirty (30) days or four (4) cases occur from a single harvest date from the implicated area.
12. Public Health Significance	Maintaining an implicated harvest area in the closed status is a critical step in shellfish-borne illness response. The closure period allows time to determine if additional illnesses have occurred and to ensure that the hazard that caused the illnesses has passed. The current wording of the Model Ordinance specifies minimum closure periods of 14 and 21 days for areas implicated in *V.p.* illnesses, however, the wording is unclear as to when to start counting the 14 or 21 days. Adding that the closure period will extend 14 or 21 days from the date of closure provides clarity and will increase uniformity in meeting the requirement.
13. Cost Information	There would be no cost related to this proposal.
14. Changes Needed to Guidance (if proposed change is adopted)	TBD