

ARE YOU SICK OF PESTS?

Product recalls, bruised reputation and lost business are all consequences of foodborne illness if the contamination is traced back to your facility. Pests like cockroaches, flies and rodents have all been known to transmit pathogens that cause foodborne illness via their droppings, urine, saliva and bodies themselves. They can directly transmit these pathogens by contaminating actual food or indirectly by contaminating food preparation surfaces.

WHAT'S THE DIAGNOSIS?



E. coli

Ground beef, unpasteurized milk and fresh produce are common sources of harmful E. coli bacteria.



Symptoms: nausea, stomach cramps, vomiting, fever, diarrhea



Onset: three to four days after exposure (though symptoms can occur as soon as one day after to more than a week later)



Salmonella

Illness from Salmonella is usually caused by eating undercooked meat, poultry, eggs or egg products.



Symptoms: stomach cramps, bloody stool, diarrhea, cold and chills, fever, headache, nausea, vomiting



Onset: 8 to 72 hours after exposure



Staphylococcus

This is one of the most common causes of food poisoning.



Symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, low blood pressure



Onset: within hours of exposure (symptoms often only last half a day)



Listeria

It is most commonly contracted by eating improperly processed deli meats or unpasteurized milk products.



Symptoms: fever, muscle aches, nausea, diarrhea



Onset: a few days after exposure (but up to 30 days)

THREE STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR WELLBEING



1. Assess – Work with a pest management provider to thoroughly inspect your property and identify any existing pest problems or pressure points. Moisture, overlooked food sources, overgrown vegetation, structural deficiencies and poor housekeeping and storage practices can all create ideal conditions for pests.



2. Implement – One-size fits all doesn't cut it when it comes to pest management. Create a pest management program that is unique to your facility and focuses on exclusion, sanitation and maintenance techniques to help prevent pest activity and subsequent treatments.



3. Monitor – Pest pressures change over time. Make sure there is a clear protocol for reporting pest sightings and install pest monitoring devices to detect and track pest activity over time.



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TO PROTECT YOUR FACILITY FROM PESTS THAT CAUSE CONTAMINATION, CALL YOUR LOCAL ORKIN CANADA BRANCH TODAY.

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