

STATE TRACKS DIARRHEA OUTBREAK

CASES CONTINUE TO CLIMB



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Cyclosporiasis is caused by a microscopic parasite called Cyclospora, which is not transmitted person-to-person. Fresh produce – berries, herbs and vegetables – is almost always the

Health officials say NC cyclosporiasis numbers have more than doubled as investigators work to identify source

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The number of confirmed cases of cyclosporiasis, better known as “explosive diarrhea,” in North Carolina has more than doubled.

The number of confirmed cases rose from 148 to 307, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services said on Tuesday.

The state timeframe for the cases began May 1 and was updated through Tuesday. The department said it will provide weekly

updates on Tuesday as necessary.

There have been 13 hospitalizations related to cyclosporiasis, according to the state.

“If you are experiencing severe or persistent diarrhea, you should reach out to your healthcare provider,” state Epidemiologist Dr. Zack Moore said.

Dr. John Sanders, an infectious disease expert at Atrium Health, said about 95% of cases are mild to moderate and don’t require hospitalization to recover. Of those who require hospitalization, Sanders said

stays tend to be a few days “since it does respond well to standard antibiotics.”

The state has not provided a breakdown of confirmed cases by county or region.

The Guilford County Department of Public Health said on Tuesday there were two confirmed cases as of June 30. Elizabeth O’Brien, the department’s communications director, said the next county cyclosporiasis case update won’t be until after July 31.

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President Donald Trump reacts Wednesday at the Pennsylvania Defense and Innovation Summit at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

Trump revives claims of interference in 2020 election

President says intelligence shows China acquired 220 million US voter files

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declassified intelligence Thursday that he said showed Chinese interference in U.S. elections, reviving his long-running attacks on election security despite a U.S. intelligence assessment that found no evidence Beijing altered the 2020 vote, which he lost.

The 25-minute address underscored Trump’s effort to make election security a central political issue ahead of November’s midterm elections, when Republicans will try to defend their congressional

majorities and face the possibility of losing control of one or both chambers.

Trump has pressed his fellow Republicans in Congress to pass legislation imposing new voter identification and citizenship requirements, despite longstanding findings that voter fraud in U.S. elections is rare.

The president said he was declassifying sensitive information that showed China illicitly acquired 220 million U.S. voter files, including names, addresses and other data used to register to vote.

He asserted that members of the U.S. intelligence community deliberately suppressed information about the extent of China’s activities.

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