



Cryptosporidiosis and Giardiasis

Maine Surveillance Report | 2023

Cryptosporidiosis

▼ 7% decrease from 2022

CASE INFORMATION

57

Cases

4.1

Cases/100,000

DEMOGRAPHICS

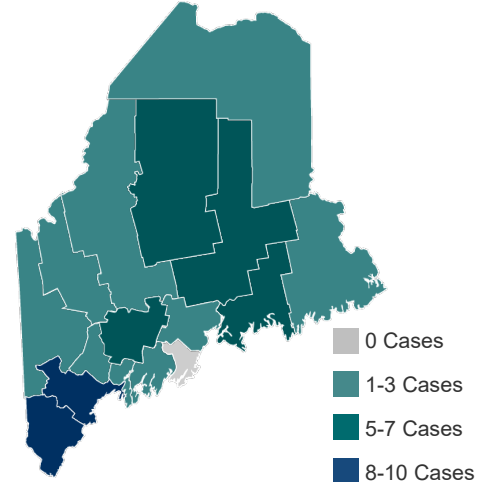


58% of cases
(33) were female

39

Average age
(1-86 years)

GEOGRAPHY



RISK FACTORS

68%

Contact with animals



12% contact with cows

25%

Contact with untreated water

Giardiasis

▲ 51% increase from 2022

CASE INFORMATION

149

Cases

10.7

Cases/100,000

DEMOGRAPHICS

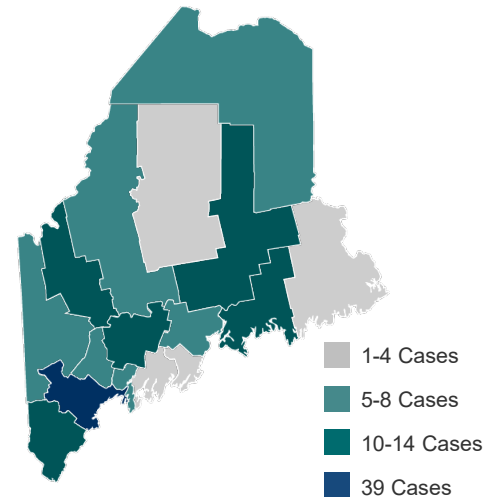


52% of cases
(78) were female

53

Average age
(1-88 years)

GEOGRAPHY



Prevention:

- Wash hands with soap and water, especially after contact with animals, using the toilet or changing diapers, gardening, and before preparing food and eating.
- Do not swim if you have diarrhea. Children in diapers should not be in the water if they have diarrhea. If diagnosed with cryptosporidiosis, wait two weeks after diarrhea ends to swim.
- Do not drink untreated water from lakes, streams, ponds, or springs.
- Avoid unpasteurized juices and raw milk products.
- Rinse all fresh fruits and vegetables under clean running water.
- When traveling to countries where water may not be safe and sanitation is poor, do not use ice or tap water and avoid eating uncooked foods.
- Children with diarrhea should be excluded from child-care settings until diarrhea has resolved.
- Food handlers should refrain from work until the diarrhea has resolved.
- Prevent cross contamination of cooked foods and uncooked foods and the surfaces used to prepare these foods.

If the safety of drinking water is questionable: use bottled water, disinfect water by heating to a rolling boil for one minute, or use an appropriate filter [National Safety Foundation (NSF) Standard 53 or 58]. Filtered water will need additional treatment to kill/inactivate bacteria or viruses.

Reporting:

Cryptosporidiosis and Giardiasis must be reported to Maine CDC within 48 hours of recognition or strong suspicion of disease.

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For more information visit:

www.maine.gov/idepi
www.cdc.gov/cryptosporidium
www.cdc.gov/giardia