

Giardiasis

In 2009, there were 61 cases of giardiasis notified, a slight decrease on the number notified in 2008 (n=71) but similar to the number reported in 2007 (n=62).

Cases ranged in age from 0-75 years (median age=33 years) with only eight cases less than fifteen years of age. Similar numbers of males (n=29) and females (n=32) were affected.

Nineteen cases (31%) were reported as being associated with foreign travel: the countries of infection reported were India (n=6), Dominican Republic (n=3), Sudan (n=2), Vietnam (n=2) and there was one case each reported associated with travel to Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Congo, Iceland, Egypt and Chad. Four cases were reported as being acquired in Ireland, and for the remaining 38 cases, country of infection was unknown or not specified.

In 2009, there was one small outbreak reported with three persons ill which was related to foreign travel.

Yersiniosis

In 2009, there were three cases of yersiniosis, compared to three in 2008 and six in 2007.

One case was a child and there were two adult cases; one case each male and female with the sex not reported for the third case.

Two cases were reported as *Y. enterocolitica* and one as *Yersinia* species.

Foodborne intoxications

Notifications of foodborne intoxications in Ireland are uncommon. In 2009, there was one case of *Clostridium perfringens* (type A) food-borne disease, one case of staphylococcal food poisoning and one case of *Bacillus cereus* food-borne infection/intoxication notified.

There was also one family outbreak of *Clostridium perfringens* (type A) food-borne disease notified with 11 persons ill; none were hospitalised.