**Conference for Food Protection**

**2016 Issue Form**

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| **Council Recommendation:** | Accepted as  Submitted |  | Accepted as Amended |  | No Action |  |
| **Delegate Action:** | Accepted |  | Rejected |  |  |  |

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**Title:**

Employee Health Interventions – Reducing Norovirus

**Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:**

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting that the 2013 Food Code, Part 2-2 Employee Health, Subpart 2-201 Responsibilities of Permit Holder, Person in Charge, Food Employees, and Conditional Employees be amended to reflect the following changes:

1. Extend the exclusion period for food employees symptomatic with vomiting or diarrhea and NO diagnosis of norovirus illness from a minimum of 24 hours after becoming asymptomatic to a minimum of 48 hours after becoming asymptomatic.
2. Remove the distinction in criteria for exclusion and restriction in highly susceptible populations (HSP) and non-HSP establishments, thereby requiring exclusion until a minimum of 48 hours after becoming asymptomatic in all settings.
3. Remove the allowance to restrict a food employee that has been diagnosed with an infection from norovirus (exclusion criteria only).
4. Extend the exclusion period for a food employee who is asymptomatic and diagnosed with norovirus illness from a minimum of 24 hours to a minimum of 48 hours.

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