

Symptoms associated with common shellfish illnesses in BC

<u>Hyperlink to appropriate Condition:</u>	<u>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</u>	<u>Hepatitis A</u>	<u>Norovirus</u>	<u>Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning</u>	<u>Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning</u>	<u>Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning</u>
Diarrhea	✓		✓		✓	✓
Abdominal discomfort	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Nausea	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Fatigue		✓	✓			
Fever	✓	✓	✓			
Dizziness				✓	✓	
Vomiting	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Headache	✓			✓	✓	
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaundice • Loss of appetite • Persons with liver conditions at risk for serious illness 		<p>MOST COMMON:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbness/tingling in mouth, face, hands, feet • Coordination problems, difficulty swallowing • In serious cases, paralysis, difficulty breathing & death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscle weakness • Disorientation • Memory loss • In serious cases, seizures, coma, unstable blood pressure & death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chills
Onset of Symptoms after exposure	4 to 96 hrs (typically 15 hrs)	within 15-50 days (typically 28-30 days)	within 12-48 hrs (typically 36 hrs)	within 15 min to 10 hrs (typically 2 hrs)	within 24 hrs	within 30 min to 12 hrs
Duration of Symptoms	1 to 7 days	Weeks	2-3 days	few hours to a few days	few hrs to a few days	Hours to 3 days

Note: If you are ill with food poisoning, you are advised to visit your physician. This table may not reflect all possible symptoms or illnesses associated with seafood's

For more information and immediate help, call the nurse line at 811, or Drug Poison Info Line at 1.800.567.8911

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