

Shigella isolates confirmed by ERL in 2015

There were 112 *Shigella* isolates confirmed in 2015, compared with 126 in 2014. *Shigella sonnei* biotype a and biotype g were the most common species confirmed in 2015 with 20 and 37 cases, respectively.

Shigella species	DHB										Total
	Auckland	Bay of Plenty	Canterbury	Capital and Coast	Counties Manukau	Lakes	MidCentral	Southern	Taranaki	Waikato	
<i>boydii</i> 4			1								1
<i>boydii</i> 13	2									1	3
<i>flexneri</i> 7	1 ^h			1				1		2 ^h (1 case)	5
<i>flexneri</i> 1a	1										1
<i>flexneri</i> 1b	4 ^h (1 case)										4
<i>flexneri</i> 1c	1			1			1				3
<i>flexneri</i> 2a	10 ^h (4 cases)		1		2		1 ^h				14
<i>flexneri</i> 2b	1 ^h		1	3 ^h	1						6
<i>flexneri</i> 3a	1 ^h			3				3 ^h			7
<i>flexneri</i> 3b		1 ^h									1
<i>flexneri</i> 4av	2 ^h (1 case), ^h										2
<i>flexneri</i> 5b	1				1						2
<i>flexneri</i> 6 biotype Manchester	2 ^h										2
<i>flexneri</i> Y	1				1						2
<i>flexneri</i> Y variant	2 ^h										2
<i>sonnei</i> biotype a	12 ^h (5 cases)		2 ^h (1 case)	1	1	2 ^h			1	1	20
<i>sonnei</i> biotype g	14 ^h (10 cases), 1 (2 cases)	1 ^h	8 ^h , 1 (1 case)	7 ^h (1 case)	2 ^h (1 case)		1	2 ^h (1 case)		2 ^h (1 case)	37
Total	54	2	13	16	8	2	3	6	1	6	112

^{*} Agglutinated with polyvalent *Shigella flexneri* antisera but not with any of the single factors

^h Recent overseas travel (Number of cases)

^h Household contact (Number of cases)