

## DPH Notice to Shellfish Dealers - 2023 Vibrio Control Plan

The Massachusetts 2023 control season for *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* will begin on Friday, May 19, 2023, and will end on Thursday, October 19, 2023. A copy of the 2023 Vibrio Control Plan is attached to this email and is available online at [mass.gov/food-protection-program](https://mass.gov/food-protection-program).

The other documents attached to this email were created by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) to help shellfish dealers to comply with the plan. These documents include a sample *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* HACCP Form for Original Dealers and a sample Vibrio Control Plan HACCP Monitoring Record (with an example containing data).

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*

**Seafood dealers that receive live oysters from harvesters are advised to review Section C (“Original Dealers”) in the 2023 Vibrio Control Plan. Section C requires dealers to implement the 2023 Vibrio Control Plan and update their Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Plans by Friday, May 19, 2023. This means that:**

- **Dealers must have HACCP plans that include the Critical Control Points and Critical Limits identified in Section C of the 2023 Plan, and**
- **Dealers must monitor Critical Limits for each Critical Control Point in accordance with the requirements provided in Section C.**

Shellfish dealers with questions about this year’s control plan or support documents should contact the DPH inspector who usually inspects their facility. The name and contact information for that inspector can be found on the most recent inspection report issued to the facility by DPH. Questions about the control plan or support documents may also be submitted to the Food Protection Program at [fpp.dph@mass.gov](mailto:fpp.dph@mass.gov).