

## DPH Notice to Shellfish Dealers - 2025 Vibrio Control Plan

The Massachusetts 2025 control season for *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* will begin on Monday, May 19, 2025, and end on Sunday, October 19, 2025. A copy of the 2025 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 Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) created the other documents attached to this email to help shellfish dealers 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 2025 Vibrio Control Plan. Section C requires dealers to implement the 2025 Vibrio Control Plan and update their Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Plans by Monday, May 19, 2025. The advisory means:**

- **Dealers must have HACCP plans that include the Critical Control Points and Critical Limits identified in Section C of the 2025 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. That inspector's name and contact information can be found in 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).