

CHOLERA FACT SHEET

What is Cholera?

Cholera is a bacterial infection that can be cured within days or weeks, but may be fatal if it is not treated right away by a medical professional.

How is Cholera Transmitted?

Cholera is spread through focally contaminated water or food by vibrio cholerae bacteria.

What are the Symptoms of Cholera?

Cholera requires a medical diagnosis that includes imaging and lab tests.

The key symptoms of cholera includes diarrhea that leads to dehydration. In severe cases, shock and seizures may occur.

Protection and Treatment

The best defense against cholera is to avoid polluted or contaminated water. Always use water purification tablets when traveling, and do not swim in lagoons, lakes, rivers or at closed beaches.

Cholera treatment includes antibiotics, IV fluids and rehydration fluids.