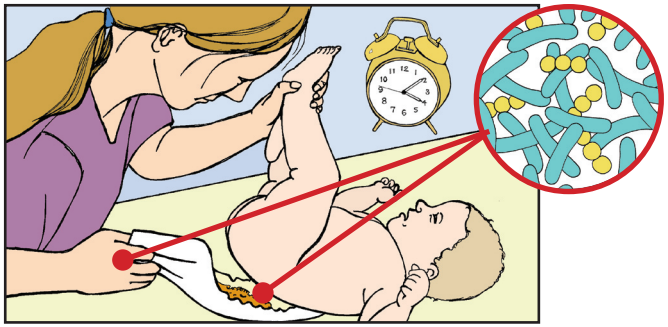
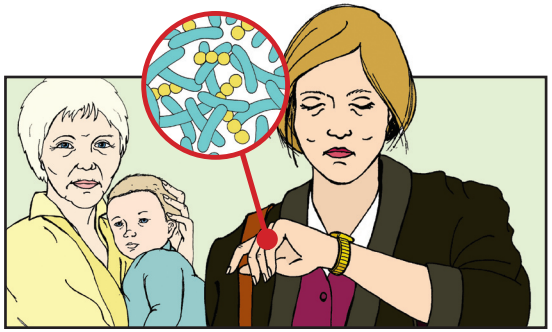
A Foodborne Illness Outbreak That Could Have Been Prevented



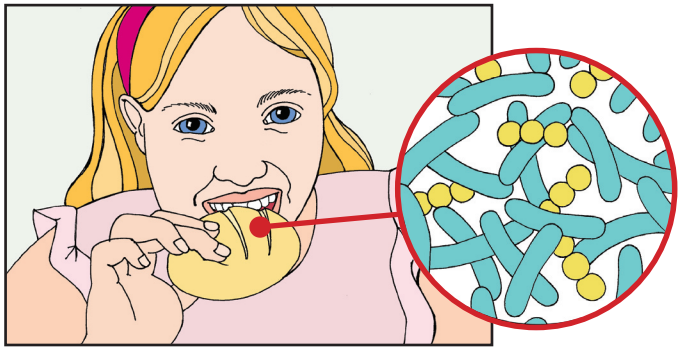
My baby Manuel had fever and diarrhea and I was up all night caring for him. The next morning I was scheduled to work.



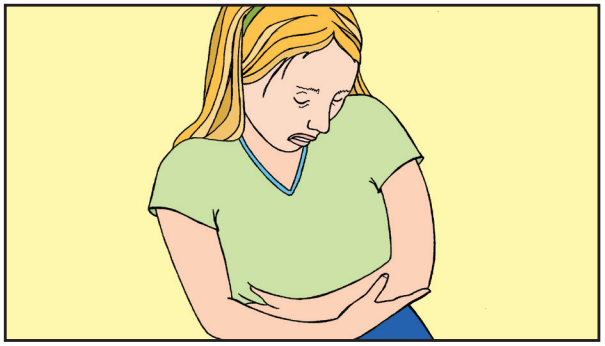
I had to go to work or risk losing my job.

I really wish I could have stayed home with Manuel. I worried about him the whole time I was working.

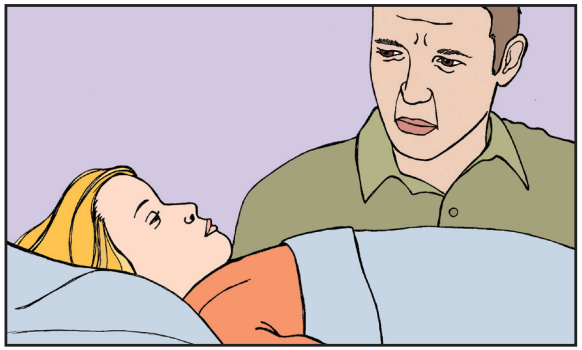
Mary was enjoying lunch with her Dad.



The bread tasted good, but Mary had no idea what else she was eating.

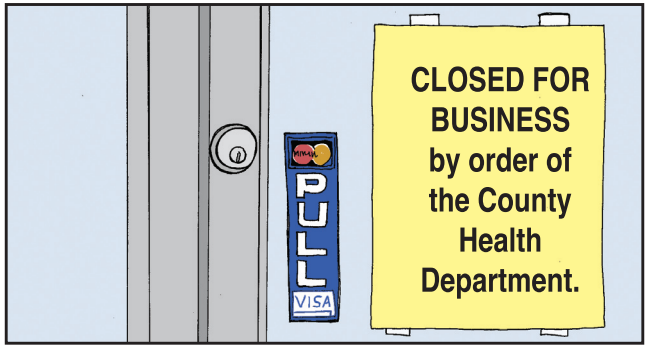


The next day, people that I served complained about being sick with vomiting and diarrhea.



Mary, who had a weak immune system, became very sick.

A few days later, Mary was on life support. 25 people became sick with diarrhea and vomiting. The restaurant closed and I lost my job.



I did not mean to make anyone sick. Now, because of the germs on my hands, someone may die.

Protect People Everywhere. Wash your hands thoroughly and at the proper times. Don't touch ready-to-eat food with your bare hands.