

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1011

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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

Seventy-two hours have passed since I wrote to you regarding the ongoing cyclosporiasis outbreak, which now exceeds 11,000 cases across 41 states.¹

You have failed to address my questions regarding your inexplicable decision to terminate the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet) required surveillance of *Cyclospora cayetanensis*, and the progress of federal efforts to investigate and contain it.

Your silence amidst an ongoing outbreak of diarrheal disease is indicative of the reckless arrogance with which you demolished America's public health defense. Below, I reiterate the questions you have yet to answer:

1. Has the CDC's FoodNet been restored to require tracking of *Cyclospora cayetanensis*? If not, why?
2. Why did you terminate tracking of *Cyclospora cayetanensis* in the first place?
3. What is the status of epidemiological and food safety investigations to determine the source and scope of the outbreak?

Sincerely,



Jon Ossoff
United States Senator

¹ ABC News. (July 22, 2026). More than 11,500 cyclosporiasis cases reported in 41 states: CDC.
<https://abcnews.com/Health/11500-cyclosporiasis-cases-reported-41-states-cdc/story?id=134979908>