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A photograph of the Houston skyline, featuring several prominent skyscrapers like the Bank of America Tower and the Texas Tower. In the foreground, there are green trees and a body of water, possibly a bayou or river. The image has a semi-transparent overlay.

# Avoiding a Foodborne Fiasco

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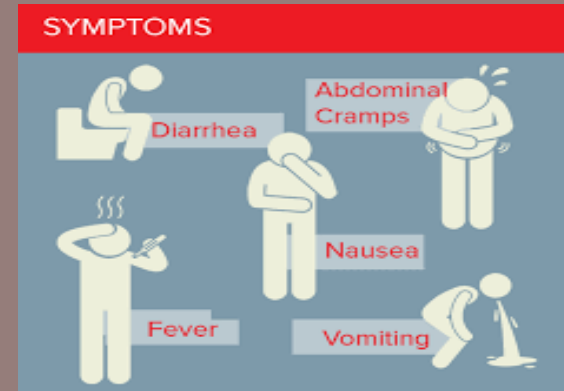
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# Foodborne Illness

- 1 in 6 Americans develop foodborne illness every year (about 48 million people)
- 128,000 hospitalizations per year
- 3,000+ deaths per year
- Two distinct causal groups
  - 31 known pathogens (20% of illnesses)\*
  - Unspecified agents (80% of illnesses)\*

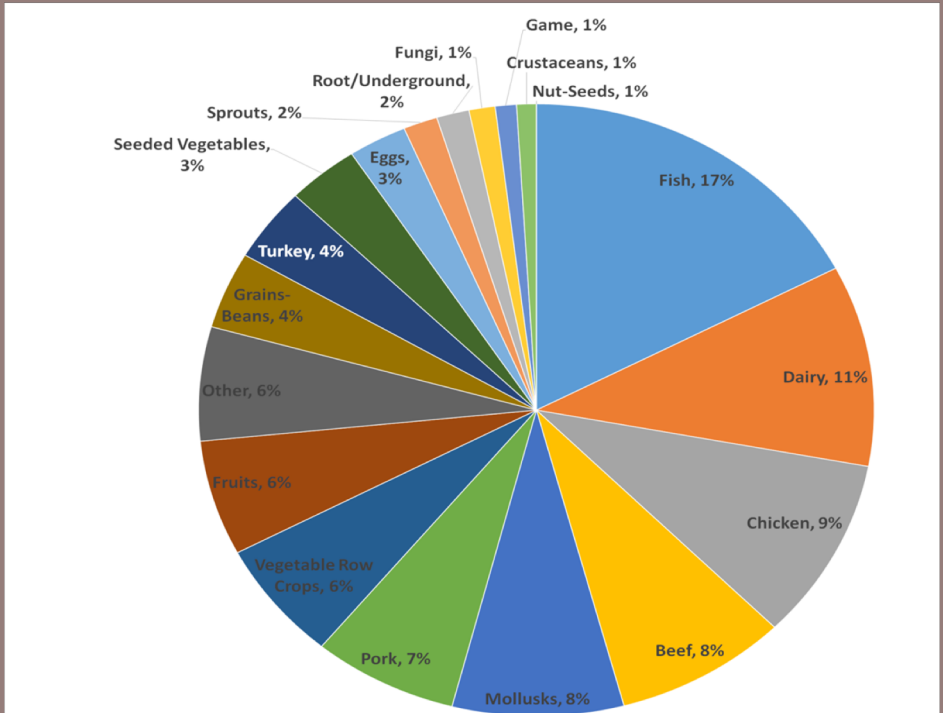


## Top 5 Pathogens contributing to domestically acquired foodborne illness-2016\*

Agent	Illness	Hospitalization	Death
Norovirus	58%	26%	11%
Salmonella	11%	35%	28%
Clostridium perfringens	10%	-	-
Campylobactor spp.	9%	15%	6%
Staphylococcus aureus	3%	-	-
Toxoplasma gondii	-	8%	24%
E.Coli(STEC)0157	-	4%	-
Listeria monocytogenes	-	-	19%

\* US CDC Foodnet

# Food Sources for Foodborne Illness



# SOPS = CYA

- Eliminate the risk
- Food Storage
- Food Handling
- Food Presentation
- Food Service
- Employee Training



# Reaction Time & Record Keeping are Critical

- Temperature Logs
- Storage Time Logs
- Employee Training Records
- Buffet/Event log
- Guest or Associate Illness Questionnaire





## **Foodborne Illnesses**



Questions? Thank you for attending!

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