

### Shigella Isolates 2004

There were 134 isolates of *Shigella* confirmed in 2004, compared with 96 in 2003.

Species	Type	Number	Comment
<i>S. boydii</i>	2	2	One recent travel Indonesia
<i>S. boydii</i>	4	1	
<i>S. boydii</i>	8	1	Recent travel India
<i>S. boydii</i>	13	5	
<i>S. boydii</i>	14	1	Recent travel Hong Kong and India
<i>S. flexneri</i>	1b	1	
<i>S. flexneri</i>	2a	28	Recent travel Samoa (2), Fiji (1), Vanuatu (1), India (1), and refugee (2). Household cluster of two cases.
<i>S. flexneri</i>	3a	27	Recent travel Samoa (1), Indonesia (1) and Americas (1). Two household clusters one of two and one of four cases.
<i>S. flexneri</i>	4a	1	
<i>S. flexneri</i>	6	10	Recent travel India/ Vietnam (1), Pakistan (1) and Africa (1). Two household clusters of two cases.
<i>S. flexneri</i>	y variant	1	
<i>S. sonnei</i>	Biotype a	12	Recent travel Fiji (2) and Indonesia (1). Two household clusters of two cases.
<i>S. sonnei</i>	Biotype f	1	
<i>S. sonnei</i>	Biotype g	26	Recent travel Thailand (4), India (2), Africa (2), Europe (1), Middle East (1), Bali (1), Cambodia/Singapore (1), Mexico (1) and South America (1).
<i>Shigella</i>	Species	17	Recent travel Europe (2), Vietnam (1), Middle East (1), Thailand (1), Australia/India (1). One household cluster of two cases. One was a household contact of a cluster of two <i>S. sonnei</i> Biotype a cases was biochemically Biotype a but was unable to be serotyped as it was rough. All others were biochemically <i>S. sonnei</i> Biotype g but unable to be serotyped, including a cluster of 5 cases from Canterbury in November/December.