The time from when a person is exposed to Salmonella from contaminated food, water, or an infected animal or person to the confirmation that he or she is part of an outbreak is typically about 2–4 weeks.

**Timeline for Reporting Cases of Salmonella Infection**

- **Person is exposed to Salmonella**
  - Time to Illness: 1–3 days

- **Stool sample requested**
  - Time to Diagnosis: 1–3 days

- **Public health lab receives Salmonella strain**
  - Serotyping and “DNA Fingerprinting” Time: 2–10 days

- **Person becomes ill**
  - Time to Health Care: 1–5 days

- **Salmonella identified**
  - Shipping Time: 0–7 days

- **Case reported as part of outbreak**

Total time: 2–4 weeks