

Environmental Conditions for Pathogenic Bacterial Growth

Microorganism	Temp. range for growth	pH range for growth	Min. water activity for growth	Growth (doubling time)	Death rate (90% reduction time)
1. Infective Microorganisms					
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>	32°-111°F 0°-44°C	4.6-9.0		7.5 days @ 32°F, 0°C	0.24-0.96 min. @ 145°F, 62.8°C 4.83 min @ 136°F, 57.8°C
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	32°-112°F 0°-44°C	4.5-9.5		41 min. @ 95°F, 35°C	2.85 min. @ 140°F, 60°C .08-48.2 min. @ 116°F, 47°C
<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	41°-109.4°F 5°-43°C	4.8-11.0	0.937		1.7 min. @ 140°F, 60°C
<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	35.6°-114°F 2.0°-45.6°C	4.1-9.0	0.92		5.3-48.3 min. @ 134.6°F, 57°C
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	90°-113°F 32°-45°C	4.9-8.0		50 min. @ 107.6°F, 42°C	12-21 sec. @ 137°F 58.3°C
2. Toxin Producers or Spore-formers					
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i> , Type E and other non-proteolytic strains	38°-113°F 3.3°-45°C	5.0-9.0	0.97		0.49-0.74 min. @ 180°F, 82.2°C
Spores:					5 min. @ 185°F, 85°C
Toxin:					
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	43.8°-122°F 6.5°-50°C	4.5-9.3	0.83		5.25-7.82 min @ 140°F, 60°C
Vegetative cells:					
Toxin production	50°-114.8°F 10°-46°C	5.15-9.0	0.86		134.2 min. @ 210°F, 98.9°C
Toxin:					
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	39.2°-122°F 4.0°-50°C	4.35-9.3	0.912	29 min. @ 73.4°F, 23°C	1 min. @ 140°F, 60°C
Vegetative cells:					2.7-3.1 min. @ 212°F, 100°C
Spores:					5 min. @ 133°F, 56.1°C
Diarrheal toxin:					

Emetic toxin:					Stable 90 min. at 258.8°F, 126°C
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i>, Type A and proteolytic B strains	50°-118°F 10°-47.8°C	4.6-9.0	0.94	1.2 hours @ 68°F, 20°C	
Spores:					0.14-0.23 min. @ 250°F, 121.1°C
Toxin:					5 min. @ 185°F, 85°C
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	59°-127.5°F 15°-52.3°C	5.0-8.3	0.95	7.2 min 105.8°F, 41°C	
Vegetative cells:					7.2 min @ 138°F, 59°C
Spores:					26-31.4 min. @ 210°F, 98.9°C

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