Is an In-depth Foodborne Investigation Indicated?

1. Do those who are ill have vomiting or diarrhea?  
   - no
   - yes
     - Is this an obvious foodborne outbreak (e.g., large number sick, several went to ER)?
     - no
     - yes
       - Is there an obvious reason that an in-depth investigation is not indicated (e.g., everyone was served same menu and got sick)?
       - no
       - yes
         - Discuss with Epidemiology if you think it is foodborne.
         - Does the situation allow you to define a possible source of exposure (e.g., food establishment, type of food)?
           - no
           - yes
             - How many people were potentially exposed?
               - <7
                 - yes
                   - Consider inspection of food establishment.
                 - no
                   - Of these, were at least 2 ill and were there at least 2 well?
                     - yes
                       - Discuss with supervisor. Investigate and inspect food establishment. Perform in-depth investigation. Call for help from Epidemiology.
                     - no
                       - Consider inspection of food establishment.
               - 7+
                 - no
                   - Consider inspection of food establishment.
                 - yes
                   - Thank caller and them him that you may recontact him if other complaints are received.

- no