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Vibrio vulnificus
[vib’re-o vůl-nif’ĭ-kas]
From the Latin vibrio (to move) and vulnificus (causing wounds). Vibrio vulnificus is a virulent, gram-negative, comma-shaped, motile bacterium that belongs to the family Vibrionaceae. In 1976, researchers at the Centers for Disease Control identified it as a Vibrio sp. and possible emerging pathogen. Because of its association with blistering skin infections, the bacterium was named Vibrio vulnificus in 1979.