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*Vibrio vulnificus* [vī’brē-o vŭl-nĭf’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.