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Bacillus cereus

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National Cancer Institute. *Bacillus cereus*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86161.

A species of aerobic or facultatively anaerobic, Gram-positive, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Firmicutes. This species is motile, spore forming, and catalase positive, hydrolyzes casein, starch, and gelatin, and produces the toxin cereulide. *B. cereus* is found in soil and associated with diarrheal and emetic forms of food-borne illness as well as opportunistic infections in both humans and domestic animals.