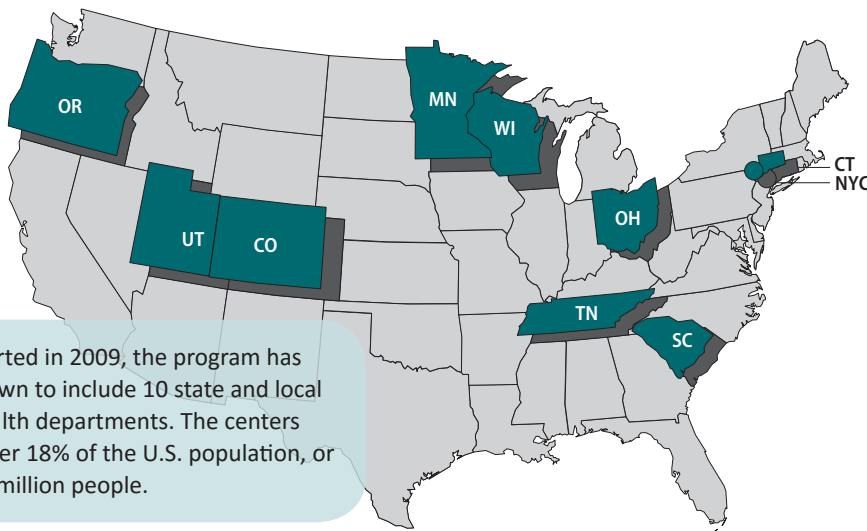


FoodCORE Foodborne Diseases Centers for Outbreak Response Enhancement

Improving foodborne disease investigation and response in state and local health departments

FoodCORE is a program managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to enhance the ability of state and local health departments to respond to enteric disease outbreaks.

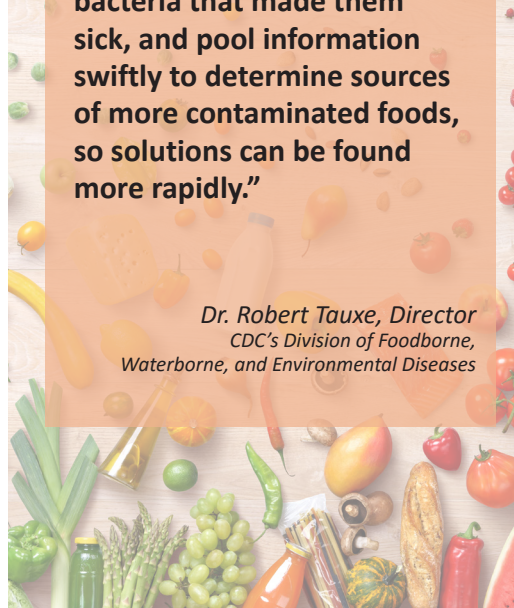


Started in 2009, the program has grown to include 10 state and local health departments. The centers cover 18% of the U.S. population, or 58 million people.

FoodCORE centers work together to develop new and better methods to detect, investigate, respond to, and control multistate outbreaks of enteric diseases.

“FoodCORE improves our capacity to interview ill persons sooner and more comprehensively about what they ate, conduct faster DNA fingerprinting [PFGE] of the bacteria that made them sick, and pool information swiftly to determine sources of more contaminated foods, so solutions can be found more rapidly.”

*Dr. Robert Tauxe, Director
CDC's Division of Foodborne,
Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases*



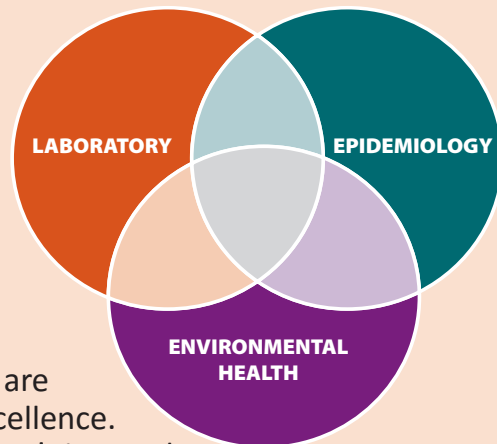
Increasing Collaboration Translates Into Greater Capacity

FoodCORE centers work to increase collaboration across laboratory, epidemiology, and environmental health within their health department. Staff from each area play a critical role in ongoing enteric surveillance and outbreak response including finding what sick people ate, determining the DNA fingerprint or genetic sequence of the bacteria that made them sick, and collecting samples of contaminated foods or environments.

With increased coordination between these three areas, the centers are able to:

- Detect more outbreaks
- Conduct thorough investigations
- Control outbreaks faster
- Protect other people from getting sick

FoodCORE centers collaborate with other federal food safety programs. All ten FoodCORE centers participate in PulseNet, five are FoodNet sites, and four are Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence. Cross-program collaborations enhance and complement FoodCORE's internal capacity building.



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