

Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence

Providing technical assistance and training on foodborne illness surveillance and outbreak investigations



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The **Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence** were established by CDC under the Food Safety Modernization Act. The Centers are headquartered at state health departments and collaborate with academic partners to build capacity in other state and local health departments.

The Centers:

★ Colorado

- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Colorado School of Public Health

★ Florida

- Florida Department of Health
- University of Florida

★ Minnesota

- Minnesota Department of Health
- University of Minnesota

★ New York

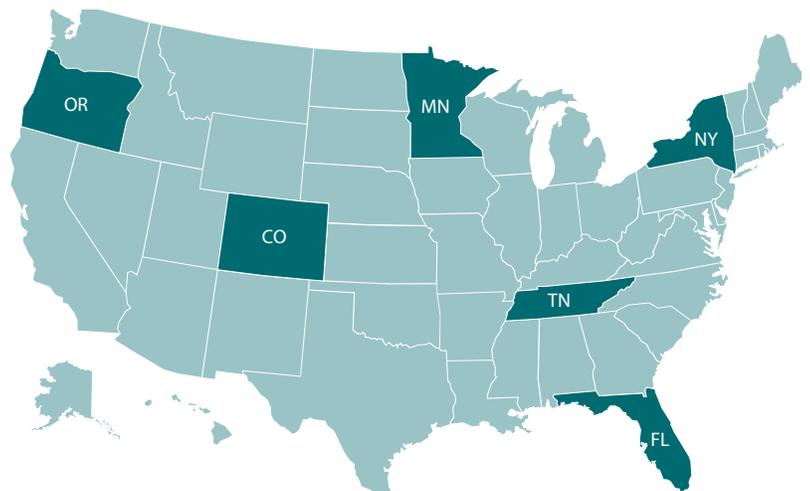
- New York State Department of Health
- Cornell University

★ Oregon

- Oregon Public Health Division
- Oregon State University
- University of Minnesota

★ Tennessee

- Tennessee Department of Health
- University of Tennessee



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Main Activity Areas:

1. **Strengthen** surveillance and outbreak investigations
2. **Analyze** timeliness and effectiveness of responses
3. **Train** public health staff in proven surveillance and investigation techniques
4. **Educate** future food safety workforce
5. **Improve** capacity of information systems
6. **Evaluate** and communicate best practices

National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases
Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases



Online Products

Visit www.CoEFoodSafetyTools.org

to access all Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence Products

- Stool Specimen Collection Instructions
- Training Materials
- Guidance Documents
- Training Courses
- Interview Questionnaire Templates
- Foodborne Illness Complaint Resources



- Epi Info 7 Tutorials
- Novice Investigator Training
- Tips From the Field
- Completing CDC Forms
- Outbreak Interviewing Strategies
- Stool Specimen Collection Instructions



One-on-One Assistance

In addition to the numerous online products, the Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence receive funding to assist state and local health departments on an individual basis. Depending on needs, one of the Centers may be able to provide consultation via phone, email, or on-site.

Examples of the services provided by the Centers include:

- **Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) Metrics Evaluation** – Centers can help conduct an evaluation of health department performance using the 16 CIFOR metrics with target ranges.
- **CIFOR Guidelines Toolkit Training** – Centers can help health departments use the Toolkit Focus Areas to identify gaps and target staff training.
- **In-Person Collaborative Team Training** – Centers can deliver team-based training, such as the National Environmental Health Association's Epi-Ready Team Training.
- **Surveillance/Outbreak Consultation** – Centers can provide phone consultations or on-site visits on a variety of topics including surveillance systems, after-action evaluations, technical support, and student interview teams.
- **IT System Set-up & Trainings** – Centers can provide guidance in setting up and managing various IT systems, including systems to track illness complaints or case exposure data.



If you're interested in working with an Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence, visit the websites, below, for contact information

Colorado www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/centers/sites/colorado

Florida www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/centers/sites/florida

Minnesota www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/centers/sites/minnesota

New York www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/centers/sites/newyork

Oregon www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/centers/sites/oregon

Tennessee www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/centers/sites/tennessee