

OutbreakNet Enhanced

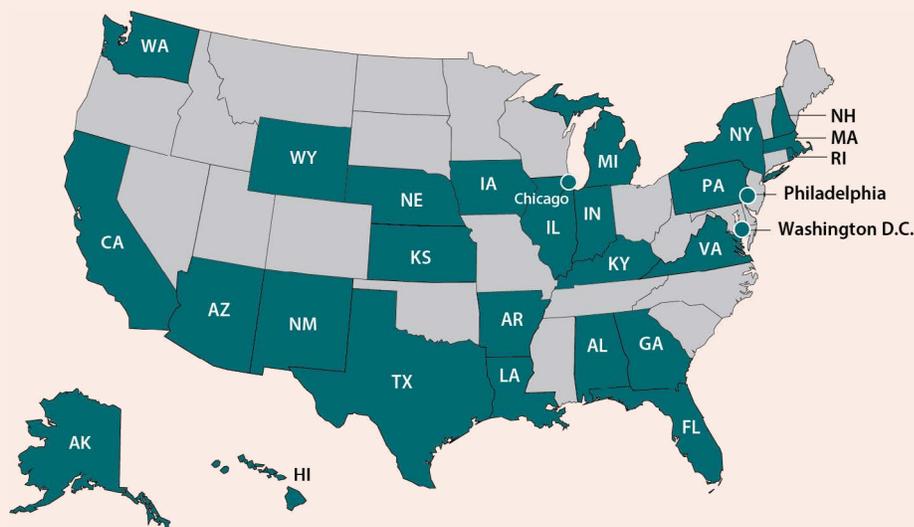
Increasing outbreak response capacity of state and local health departments

Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/outbreaknetenhanced/resources/fact-sheet.html>

Program Description and Goals

OutbreakNet Enhanced is a CDC program that started in August 2015 and is designed to provide support to state and local health departments to improve their capacity to detect, investigate, control, and respond to enteric disease outbreaks. The network of epidemiologists supported by OutbreakNet Enhanced helps sites better prepare for and respond to outbreaks. This preparation is especially important as new technology leads to faster and more sensitive detection of outbreaks.

Twenty nine sites are currently funded by OutbreakNet Enhanced. Sites use funds to hire dedicated personnel to improve detection and complete rapid interviewing of cases of *Salmonella*, Shiga-toxin producing *E. coli* (STEC), and *Listeria* as well as cases of infection with enteric bacteria that are antibiotic resistant.



Metrics

OutbreakNet Enhanced sites collaborated with CDC staff to set performance metrics for the program based on a subset of measures from the Foodborne Diseases Centers for Outbreak Response Enhancement ([FoodCORE](#)) and the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response ([CIFOR](#)). These metrics are primarily process-based and are designed to measure timeliness and completeness of both laboratory and epidemiologic aspects of outbreak investigations. By collecting and reviewing performance metric data, sites are able to identify gaps in their enteric disease investigation processes and develop targeted strategies for improvement.



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