**STEPS IN A FOODBORNE OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION**

1. **DETECT**
   Detect a possible outbreak through public health surveillance.

2. **FIND**
   Find more cases in the outbreak.

3. **GENERATE**
   Generate hypotheses through interviews with sick people.

4. **TEST**
   Test hypotheses to find a likely source. If no source is found and cases continue, return to step 3.

5. **SOLVE**
   Solve source of the outbreak and ultimate point of contamination.

6. **CONTROL**
   Control outbreak through recalls, facility improvements, and industry collaboration.

7. **DECIDE**
   Decide an outbreak is over and the public is no longer at risk. If cases go up again, continue or restart the investigation.

Foodborne outbreak investigations are dynamic. In reality, some steps may happen at the same time.