

# Attachment A: Unpasteurized Milk Outbreaks Survey

## Unpasteurized Milk Outbreaks: An Assessment of the Legal Landscape, Outbreak Investigations, and Prevention at the State Level

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Survey Starting Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 12:00 AM

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### Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is conducting a survey of state health and agriculture officials across the United States. The goal of this survey is to better understand how state officials prevent raw milk outbreaks and barriers to prevention, through exploring the legal landscape, outbreak investigations, and other outbreak prevention work. Information gathered will assist in identifying how CDC can better support state raw milk outbreak prevention work. The data will be aggregated and, to further protect the anonymity of survey respondents, no data will be reported at the state level. Results will be published to aid in further dissemination of these findings.

Your participation in this survey is strictly voluntary; you can decide to stop at any time. All information collected will remain secure; we will not collect any personally identifiable information, such as your name or contact information. There are no negative consequences to you should you decline to participate or not complete the survey in its entirety.

**If you think someone else within your state health or agriculture agencies may have expertise in this area to share, please forward this email to that individual. NOTE: Only individuals who work for the state government should be extended the invitation to participate in this assessment.**

This survey should take you approximately 20 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions or concerns about completing this survey, please contact Misha Robyn at 404-718-5508 or [ydi4@cdc.gov](mailto:ydi4@cdc.gov).

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to complete this survey.

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Select ▼



Please Explain:

Inspections are conducted on a routine basis to verify compliance with regulations surrounding raw milk sales and distribution (Such as verifying labeling requirements for raw milk products, if applicable).

Select ▼

If no, please explain:

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### Legal Context

The following section will ask questions about the legal landscape surrounding raw milk sales and distribution in your state.

Within your state, the legal status of the sale or distribution of raw milk is: (Select all that apply)

- Sale is legal in retail stores
- Sale is legal in restaurants
- Sale is legal on farm where produced
- Sale is legal at farmers' markets
- Sale is legal when sold as pet food
- Distribution is legal via cow or herd shares
- Sale is illegal
- Don't know
- Other, please describe

In your state, cow or herd shares are \_\_\_\_\_.

Select ▼ If other, please describe.

Within your state, which government entity or entities have the authority to enforce statutes and regulations around raw milk sale and distribution? Mark all that apply.

- State health department
- State agriculture department
- Local health departments
- Local agriculture departments
- Don't know
- Other, please describe

The following three questions will ask you how much you agree with the written statement.

Laws within the state are effective in preventing illnesses associated with raw milk consumption.

Select ▼

Please Explain:

Despite current state laws restricting raw milk sales, raw milk consumers continue to find ways to get raw milk.

Select ▼

Please Explain:

Laws surrounding raw milk sales and distribution are strictly enforced

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### Legal Context cont...

Are there local ordinances (i.e., county, city) that make state laws around raw milk difficult to enforce?

Select | ▼

If yes, please describe the ordinance(s):

Are there state laws around raw milk that contradict one another making them difficult to enforce (For example, state law prohibits sale of raw milk but allows sales at farmers markets)?

Select | ▼

If yes, please describe the laws:

Are there local ordinances (i.e., county, city) that are more restrictive for consumer access to raw milk compared to state laws?

Select | ▼

Please Explain:

Are you aware of plans for future legislative or regulatory efforts surrounding raw milk in your state?

Select | ▼

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**Note: if you are not aware of future legislative changes, please SKIP to the next page.**

Please describe the future legislative or regulatory efforts.

What is your agency's role in this effort?

Don't know

These future legislative or regulatory efforts would impact consumer access to raw milk in the state by:

Select

If other, please describe:

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### Raw Milk Outbreak Investigations

The following questions will ask about raw milk outbreak investigations. Please answer these questions from your own perspectives and experiences.

How would you say consumers acquire raw milk in your state? (Select all that apply)

- Through cow or herd shares
- Purchase as pet food
- By driving to neighboring states
- Through illegal sales inside the state
- Through mail delivery orders
- Purchase at farmers markets
- Purchase at retail stores
- Purchase at restaurants
- Purchase on farms of production
- Friends and/or neighbors
- Own personal cow(s)
- Other, please describe
- Don't know

Would you say that raw milk outbreak investigations have a higher, lower, or the same level of urgency as other food related outbreaks in your state?

Select

Please explain:

Does state government have the authority to stop facility operations when a facility is implicated in an outbreak linked to raw milk?

Select

Other, please describe

The following six questions will ask you how much you agree with the written statement.

When a facility is implicated in an outbreak linked to raw milk, state or local government authority is typically used to cease operations.

Select

Please explain:

After a facility is implicated in an outbreak linked to raw milk, it is easy for them to continue to sell raw milk.

Select

Please explain:

Producers/Farmers are usually cooperative during a raw milk outbreak investigation.

Select

Please explain:

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### Raw Milk Outbreak Investigations Cont...

Retailers are usually cooperative during a raw milk outbreak investigation.

Select

Please explain:

Consumers are usually cooperative during a raw milk outbreak investigation.

Select

Please explain:

In general, consumers who become a part of a raw milk outbreak were aware of the risks of raw milk consumption prior to getting sick.

Select

Please explain:

My agency notifies the public about raw milk-associated outbreaks in my state.

Select

Please explain:

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### Outbreak Prevention

The following questions will ask about outbreak prevention.

What is your perception of the consumption of raw milk in your state?

Select

What is your perception of most consumers' behavior, after they discover they became sick from raw milk?

Select

Other, please describe

Communicating to the public about raw milk outbreaks is an effective tool for outbreak prevention.

Select

Please Explain:

In general, people in raw milk outbreaks typically consume raw milk\_\_\_.

Select

My agency uses the following prevention strategies to reduce illnesses associated with raw milk consumption: (Select all that apply)

#### Communication to consumers

- Maintains a portion of our website with current raw milk prevention information (i.e. risks of consumption, outbreaks, legal status for consumption)
- Works with consumer groups who are trying to educate the public on risks associated with raw milk consumption
- Targets consumers with educational materials describing the risks associated with raw milk consumption
- Communicates to the public about outbreaks linked to raw milk

#### Communication with raw milk producers

- Promotes best practices for raw milk production
- Targets producers with education materials describing the risks associated with raw milk consumption

#### Inform legislative efforts

- Provides information to inform legislative efforts aimed to change laws associated with raw milk sales and distribution in the state

#### Work with other agencies and states

- Shares experiences with other states or agencies around raw milk outbreaks and prevention opportunities and challenges
- None
- Other, please describe

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