

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE (FSIS)

Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigation Survey

Dear Public Health and Food Safety Partner,

We are seeking feedback from state public health and food safety agencies to identify opportunities to strengthen collaborative responses to foodborne illness outbreaks. Thank you for taking the time to provide us your input.

1. Please indicate the frequency with which your agency notifies FSIS when evidence suggests a potential association between a foodborne illness outbreak and an FSIS-regulated product (meat, poultry, or processed egg products).

X-----X-----X-----X-----X
Never Rarely Sometimes Very Often Always

2. Which entity/agency in your state would most likely notify FSIS when evidence suggests a potential association between a foodborne illness outbreak and an FSIS-regulated product? (Please select one and use the comment box to provide additional information, or if you are unsure) (Responses A-C will be presented in random order; there will be an open text box below the response options to add additional comments)
- a. Epidemiology (State Health Department)
 - b. Food Protection/Environmental Health (State Health Department)
 - c. State Agriculture Department
 - d. Other (open text field)
3. In addition to interactions you already have with FSIS, in which of the following ways can FSIS assist your state in responding to future foodborne illness outbreaks that may involve an FSIS-regulated product? (select all that apply)
(Responses A-G will be presented in random order)
- a. Provide information on FSIS isolates (e.g. FSIS-regulated establishment information for an isolate that matches an illness cluster by PFGE)
 - b. Assistance with traceback
 - c. Assistance with product sampling
 - d. Assistance with public information releases or media requests
 - e. Assistance with recall verification activities
 - f. Information about FSIS outbreak investigation procedures
 - g. None

h. Other (open text field)

4. Please use this space to share any successes or opportunities for improvement regarding your experience working with FSIS (open text field)

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Doug Noveroske and Willy Lanier at Doug.Noveroske@fsis.usda.gov and William.Lanier@fsis.usda.gov.

Please visit our partnership webpages:

[Resources for Public Health Partners: Foodborne Illness Investigation](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/audience-public-health/resources-for)

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[Information Helpful to FSIS During Foodborne Illness Investigations](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/audience-public-health/info-for-fsis-investigations)

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