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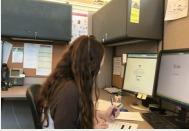
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New Western Region Center of Excellence

Welcome Washington State

Washington Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence is a collaboration between the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and the University of Washington (UW). Beth Melius serves as the center's DOH co-director. She has been the lead enteric disease epidemiologist in Washington since 2013. Janet Baseman, Professor of Epidemiology and Associate Dean for Public Health Practice, serves as the academic co-director. Janet is an infectious disease epidemiologist and has been instrumental in strengthening the relationship between the UW School of Public Health and public health practitioners. The Washington CoE brings strength in several areas including:

- **Laboratory and Epidemiology integration** – Tools and resources are available to promote increased collaboration between epidemiologists and laboratorians.
- **Bioinformatics** – The Western Regional Bioinformatician is available for consultations and site visits.
- **NEARS – NORS** – Guidance on creating a robust collaboration between epidemiologist and environmental health staff to ensure complete and reconciled data between NEARS and NORS.
- **The Northwest Center of Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) at UW** – Provides expertise in public health-focused instructional design, web design, and graphic design. NWCPHP also creates and maintains an extensive public health training catalog.

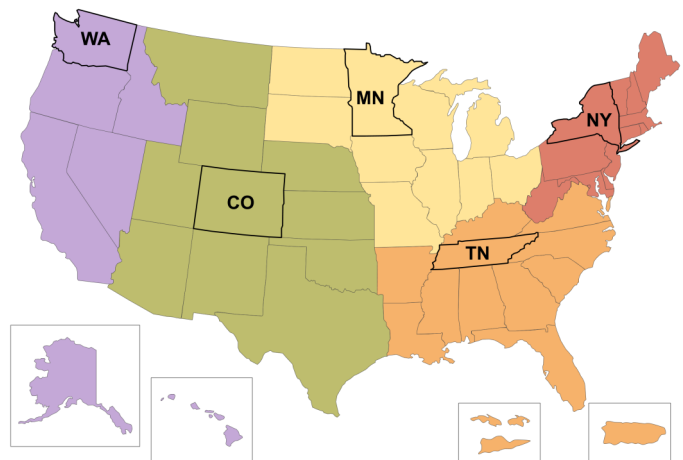
For more information visit their website at <http://foodsafety.uw.edu/> or contact Program Coordinator [Krisandra Allen](#).

CoE Regional Changes

New Regional Map

As the Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence enter their second five-year ELC cycle we would like to update you on some changes to our regional map. If your state has been impacted by any of these changes please reach out to the program coordinator for your region.

- [Colorado - Ingrid Hewitson](#)
- [Minnesota - Joshua Rounds](#)
- [New York - Paula Pennell-Huth](#)
- [Tennessee - Siobhan Dodds](#)
- [Washington - Krisandra Allen](#)

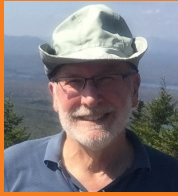


CoE All Products Website

Temporarily Unavailable

Due to changes in the CoEs, the CoE All Products website is temporarily unavailable. Products are still available via regional websites. If you need assistance finding a specific product, please contact your regional CoE for assistance.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:



After a long and respected career, Dale Morse, CDC's Associate Director for Food Safety in the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases and Director of the CoEs has retired.

Dale began his career in public health as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer at CDC in 1976. His interest in public health began a few years earlier when, as a fourth year medical student, he investigated a community outbreak of giardiasis while interning at a health department in New York.

After finishing his EIS assignment, Dale returned to his home state of New York where he worked at the State Department of Health for more than 30 years. He held a number of leadership positions in epidemiology and at the Wadsworth Center for Laboratories and Research including State Epidemiologist, Director of Epidemiology, and Director of the Office of Science and Public Health. During this time, Dale mentored countless students and young professionals and taught at the School of Public Health, State University of New York at Albany.

In 2011, Dale returned to CDC as Director of the Food Safety Office and Associate Director for Food Safety. He oversaw CDC's implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) including the FSMA Food Safety Surveillance Workgroup and the launch of CoEs. He co-led the CoEs since their start in 2012 to the robust program that exists today.

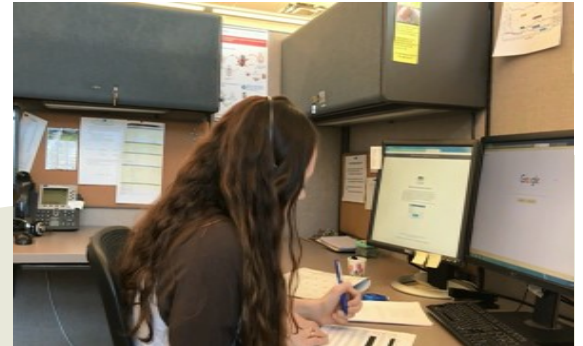
The entire CoE team wishes Dale the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

Interview Training Workshops

Minnesota CoE

The Minnesota Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence has held interview training workshops for public health professionals in three states. The interactive in-person workshops cover interviewing best practices with video examples and exercises that are tailored to address interviewing issues/challenges that are identified by the workshop host.

If you are interested in hosting an interview training workshop in your jurisdiction please contact [Josh Rounds](#).



Pining for a Common Source

New York CoE Case Study

The New York Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence has finalized a foodborne illness investigation case study titled, *Pining for a Common Source*. The case study focuses on a 2011 multistate *Salmonella* Enteritidis outbreak associated with exposure to pine nuts in which public health partnered with industry for response. The multidisciplinary approach to outbreak investigation (epidemiology, laboratory and environmental health) is emphasized and the multijurisdictional response by local, state, and federal partners is incorporated. All case study training materials can be accessed on the [NY CoE website](#). The activity can be completed as a self-paced individual lesson or as a moderated small group exercise. Acknowledgments to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health who piloted and reviewed the case study while under development.



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CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/centers/>

Colorado <http://www.cofoodsafety.org/>

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New York <http://nyfoodsafety.cals.cornell.edu/>

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