



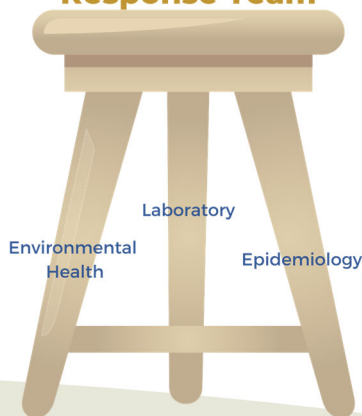
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HIGHLIGHTING PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INTEGRATED FOOD SAFETY CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

CDC has designated five Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence (IFS CoEs) each comprising a state health department and affiliated university partners. The Centers are Colorado, Minnesota, New York, Tennessee and Washington. The Centers work together to identify model practices in foodborne disease surveillance and outbreak response and to serve as resources to assist other state and local public health professionals in implementing these practices.

Foodborne Illness Response Team



Full article available soon at
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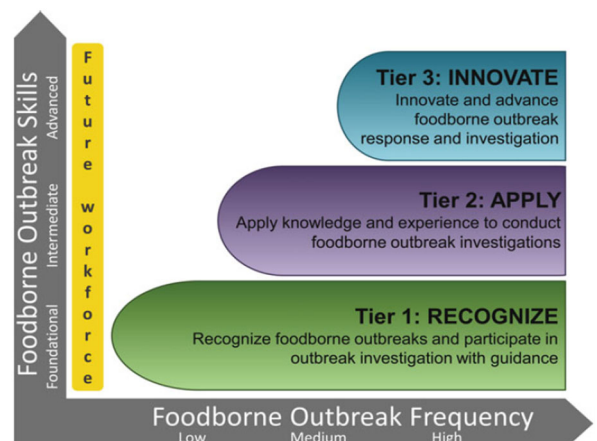
Two Decades of Epi Ready!

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) completed a first of its kind comprehensive report on the evolution and value of Epi-Ready since its inception. This report showcases the history of Epi-Ready Team Training and the value it brings. Some of the reports highlights are:

- **2001:** NEHA and CDC met to discuss the idea of foodborne illness disease outbreak investigation training programs.
- **2003:** The first Epi-Ready pilot training was held by NEHA, training 26 students.
- **2020:** Epi-Ready has trained over 3,770 professionals representing all 50 states and has been health internationally.
- **2023:** The IFS CoEs and CDC will be piloting their re-engineered Epi-Ready program in TN.

New Article Summarizing IFS CoE Accomplishments Published in the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice

In a recently published article in the [Journal of Public Health Management and Practice](#), the IFS CoEs highlight the approach and impact of the centers, and discuss the future role of IFS CoEs. The IFS CoEs have built capacity across public health agencies by increasing the number of workforce development opportunities (developing >70 trainings, tools, and resources), supporting outbreak response activities (responding to >50 requests for outbreak technical assistance annually), mentoring students, and responding to emerging issues, such as changing laboratory methods and the COVID-19 pandemic.



New Trainings and Resources

Colorado IFS CoE

New Interactive Outbreak Case Study

The Colorado Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence just launched a foodborne illness outbreak investigation case study – [Illness at the Inn](#). This case study is based on a local foodborne illness outbreak at a hotel and includes interactive activities and questions. It is designed to be completed online by public health students or new foodborne illness outbreak investigators with a basic knowledge of epidemiologic concepts and methods.



New York IFS CoE

Thinking about implementing a student interview team? New resources available!



The New York Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence (NY IFS CoE) has created resources aimed to advise health departments on processes to implement student interview teams (remote or in-person) at their agency.

A Student/Intern Logistics Checklist highlighting planning, logistical, budget and infrastructure considerations at the agency-level is supplemented by a Student Team Orientation Checklist which highlights activities/tools to develop fundamental interviewing skills.

The Orientation checklist references supplemental documents, including a disease information worksheet and instructions on how to use Google Voice for phone calls and texts. We encourage you to modify templates in accordance with protocols/policies specific to your state/jurisdiction. Checklists can be accessed on the [CDC Food Safety IFS CoE website](#).

In addition, the NY CoE hosted a webinar to highlight these resources in June 2022. The webinar is archived and available on both the [NY IFS CoE website](#) and [CDC Food Safety IFS CoE website](#)

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