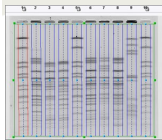




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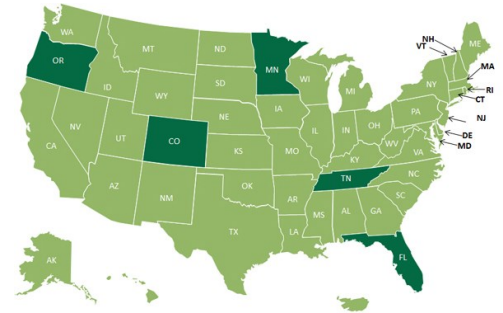


**Integrated Food Safety**  
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## HIGHLIGHTING THE PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INTEGRATED FOOD SAFETY CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

CDC has designated five Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence at state health departments and affiliated university partners in CO, FL, MN, OR, & TN.

The Centers work together to identify and implement best practices in foodborne disease surveillance and outbreak response and to serve as a resource for other state, regional, and local public health professionals. <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/centers/>



## Foodborne Illness Video Series Debuts

*FL Center of Excellence unveils the first in a series of videos on outbreak investigations*

The Florida Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence recently released the first video in their Foodborne Illness Introductory Video Series titled "Foodborne Illness: What Problem?" The series introduces novice outbreak investigation team members to the concept of foodborne illness and the current health and financial burden it poses in the United States.

The first video offers a historical perspective on changes within the food industry and their effects on public health and food safety professionals today.

Topics for future videos include:

Federal Partners; State and Local Partners; Foodborne Outbreak Investigation; What Does an Epidemiologist Do?; What Does an Environmental Health Specialist Do?; and What Does a Laboratorian Do?

Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/c/foodsafetyfloridaorg>



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## Want to Learn More About the Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence?

Check out this fact sheet for information about the program and some of our products in a two-page document that's perfect for sharing with your partners: <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/centers/PDFs/FactSheetFinal-508.pdf>

For the latest news, follow [@FoodSafetyCoE](https://twitter.com/FoodSafetyCoE) on Twitter! Be the first to try our new products and live chat with us so we can address your CoE questions and food safety concerns.

## Food Safety Resources App

FL Center of Excellence announces the release of its "Food Safety Southeast" mobile app



While out in the field investigating a foodborne outbreak, public health professionals often have limited access to pertinent investigation information. To increase access to this material, the Florida Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence (CoE) has created a mobile application to bring the information to your fingertips while away from the office!

The "Food Safety Southeast" app contains food safety resources, including the entire CIFOR toolkit, Epi Info™ 7 training videos, and the Foodborne Illness Introductory Video Series that can be viewed right on your smartphone. Users can print and email the CIFOR toolkit and watch the training videos an unlimited number of times. The app also contains relevant news updates, conference information, and CoE contact information. The app is now available and can be downloaded for free through the iTunes App Store and Google Play.

# Key Points Series for Outbreak Detection and Investigation

MN Center of Excellence creates a series of summaries describing key points for outbreak detection and investigation topics

The Minnesota Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence has created a series of brief summaries describing the key points for various foodborne outbreak detection and investigation topics.

Current summaries include creating a successful foodborne illness complaint system, investigating establishment sub-clusters, and creating a team of student workers. Additional topics are under development.

Access the documents at <http://mnfoodsafetycoe.umn.edu/resources/>

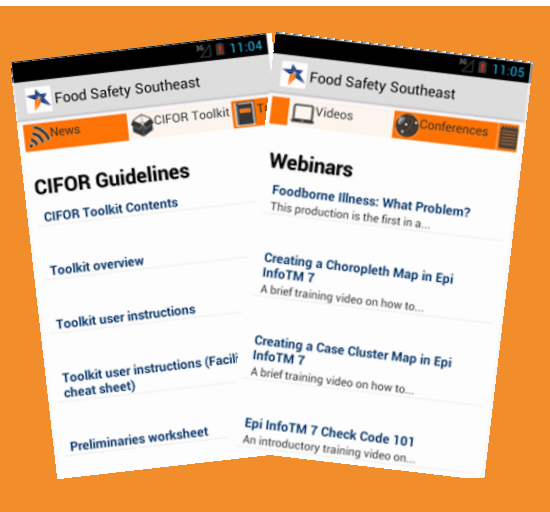
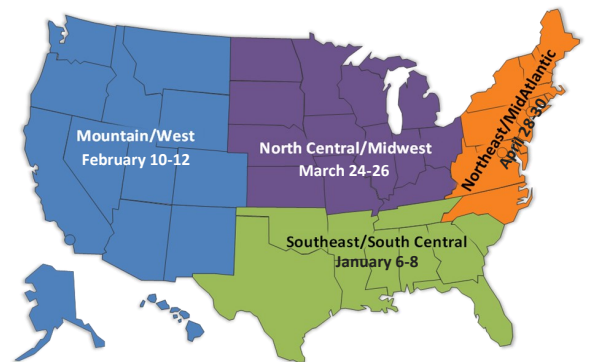


**INVESTIGATING  
ESTABLISHMENT SUB-CLUSTERS**

## Joint Regional Meetings of PulseNet & OutbreakNet in 2015

Multi-disciplinary meeting of CDC programs to integrate food safety specialties

For the first time ever, PulseNet and OutbreakNet are holding joint regional meetings throughout the spring of 2015. Laboratorians, epidemiologists, and environmental health specialists are coming together to discuss regional issues and strategies to improve outbreak surveillance and response. During the discussion and training sessions, each state is encouraged to identify key action items to take back to their jurisdictions. Representatives from the Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence will share tools and resources developed by the Centers. Invited laboratorians, epidemiologists, and environmental health specialists won't want to miss out on this opportunity to interact and learn from other state colleagues as well as professionals from different disciplines!



Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence Websites:

CO — <http://www.cofoodsafety.org/>

FL — <http://foodsafetyflorida.org/>

MN — <http://mnfoodsafetycoe.umn.edu/>

OR — <http://www.healthoregon.org/fomes>

TN — <http://foodsafety.utk.edu/>

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