

Outbreak Team Roadmap



Put on your hiking shoes and join the TN Food Safety Center of Excellence on the Outbreak Training Trail!



1. Identify the Members of your Outbreak Team.

⇒ If you don't know where to start, use the [Identifying Team Members](#) exercise

2. Enroll in Online Courses on Foodborne Outbreak Investigation

- **For new team members**
 - [FL CoE Foodborne Illness Introductory Training Series](#)
 - [CO CoE Environmental Assessment Quick Train](#)

- **For all team members**
 - [TN Foodborne Outbreak Investigation Online Courses](#)

⇒ Team members complete courses independently and meet periodically for team building activities (see #3), on an agreed-upon schedule

⇒ Plan for 6 months to a year to complete all courses and in-person activities

Join the Trail at the point that's appropriate for your team!

3. Complete In-Person Team Building Activities

- **For all team members**

⇒ Brief [Complimentary Team Activities](#) to be completed between TN online courses

4. Create/Update an Outbreak Response Plan

⇒ Use [Response Plan Template](#) and results of complimentary in-person team activities

5. Apply for Outbreak Team Certification

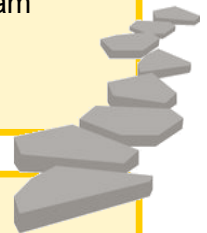
- ⇒ Complete [Outbreak Team Certification Request Form](#) and submit to TN CoE
- Provide names and contact information for all trained individuals
 - Certify that the jurisdiction has an outbreak response plan and plans for review
- ⇒ Upon confirmation of all team members' satisfactory completion of the online courses, TN CoE will send the health jurisdiction a team training certificate

6. Request an Epi-Ready In-Person Team Training /

National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT) Course

⇒ Coordinate an in-person team training course with your regional CoE, providing refresher training for the core team and involving others to expand response capacity

⇒ [Request an NCBRT course](#) in coordination with state FEMA and NCBRT regional reps



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7. Utilize Just-in-Time Trainings and Other Handy CoE Tools

- ⇒ Indicated as refreshers for field staff
- [Environmental Assessment Trainings](#) – CO CoE
- [Stool Collection Training](#) – TN CoE
- [Food Safety Southeast Mobile App](#) – FL CoE
- [Whole Genome Sequencing Webinar Series](#) – NY CoE
- [In the Lab Video Series](#) – CO CoE
- [Cultural Foods Mobile App](#) – TN CoE

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for even more resources

8. Make the Most of CoE Site Visits/One-on-One Assistance to Jurisdictions

- Outbreak investigation techniques, consults, and direct assistance
- OutbreakNet Enhanced application/participation
- PulseNet coordination
- WGS integration
- Complaint System improvement
- EHSNet coordination
- Student Outbreak Team development
- Antimicrobial susceptibility testing integration
- CIFOR metrics and CIFOR assessments
- NEARS/NORS agreement evaluation
- Outbreak staff competency assessments
- Needs Assessment for further training
- Epi-Ready Train-the-Trainer course



9. Develop Surge Capacity

- Partner with a local University to create a [Student Outbreak Team](#) ([Key Points](#))
- Use an in-house Epi-Ready Training Team to expand response team membership

10. Encourage Ongoing Professional Development

- [Food Safety Graduate Certificate Program](#) – University of Tennessee
 - Many other CoE partners also offer graduate certificates or additional specialized training for professionals
 - Contact us for help navigating options!

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are your resource for foodborne
investigation tools and training.*

Let us know how we can help you!

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