

## Identifying Your Foodborne Outbreak Investigation Team

- Examine the roles and responsibilities listed under each outbreak investigation team member.
- Insert your name and affiliation in the appropriate cell and the names of other investigation team members and their affiliations.
- Are there any regularly assigned responsibilities not included in the matrix? How might these gaps be filled?
- Are there other people routinely included on your outbreak investigation team? What do they do?

	<b>Environmental Health Investigator</b>	<b>Epidemiology Investigator</b>	<b>Public Health Nurse</b>	<b>Laboratory Investigator</b>	<b>Other:</b>
Roles and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receives and interprets foodborne illness complaints from consumers</li> <li>• Investigates suspected food or establishment               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Interviews food workers and managers</li> <li>– Examines food handling and preparation</li> <li>– Identifies factors that resulted in contamination of food or survival and proliferation of contaminants</li> <li>– Collects environmental and food samples</li> <li>– Collects paperwork</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Implements control measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyzes pathogen-specific surveillance data and identifies clusters</li> <li>• Characterizes outbreak cases by time, place, and person</li> <li>• Plans epidemiologic studies</li> <li>• Interviews cases and healthy controls</li> <li>• Analyzes and interprets results of epidemiologic studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews patients</li> <li>• Collects clinical specimens from patients</li> <li>• Administers questionnaires for epidemiologic studies</li> <li>• Advises patients on how to prevent spread of illness</li> <li>• Provides public health education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyzes clinical, food, and environmental specimens</li> <li>• Interprets test results</li> <li>• Advises team about tests and collection, handling, storage, and transport of specimens</li> <li>• Coordinates additional testing by partner labs</li> </ul>	
Who does this? (Name/affiliation)					
How might gaps be addressed?					