



Who will use C-MET data?

Users: The designated person(s) from each reporting jurisdiction will have access to their jurisdiction's data as well as de-identified and aggregate data entered by all participating jurisdictions for each of C-MET's 16 metrics.

Users will not have access to data from other individual jurisdictions and users will not be able to search aggregated data sets for demographic information (e.g. geographic region or surveillance networks).

Administrators: CIFOR has designated Dr. Craig Hedberg, Co-Director of the Minnesota Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence (CoE), as the primary C-MET administrator. He will have access to all de-identified, aggregate data entered by all participating jurisdictions. In addition, he will be able to analyze demographic information.

No data will be linked to specific names or email addresses. Food safety staff at the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) will have access to the administrative site solely for the purpose of fixing glitches or adding new metrics.

General public: De-identified, aggregate data entered by all participating jurisdictions for each of the 16 metrics will also be publically available via CIFOR website, www.cifor.us. The public will not have access to data from any individual jurisdictions.

How will C-MET data be used?

Public health officials serving states, large cities, or counties will use their jurisdiction's data housed in CIFOR Metrics Entry Tool (C-MET) to measure long-term progress in their food safety activities across multiple years. C-MET data will also allow them to compare their local performance with the national aggregated data set.

The database administrator will stratify the aggregated data by population category, geographic region, participation in various food safety surveillance networks, and jurisdiction type. Extensive analysis of this information will be used to identify national gaps in foodborne disease surveillance and outbreak response activities. These findings will guide development of training, resources, and tools needed to improve food safety throughout the country.

What is the data submission timeline?

Public health officials are encouraged to enter their data annually to optimize their jurisdiction's ability to track and compare long-term performance measurement.

Data for the previous year should be entered as close to the start of the following year as possible, ideally in March or April.



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What are C-MET data ranges?

Data submission is requested to represent metrics for an entire calendar year. All data submissions will be time stamped and saved in the system to enable future comparison of different data sets.

Who should enter C-MET data?

Each jurisdiction is advised to designate one individual as their “User,” to input all of the collected data into C-MET annually.

However, with 16 different performance indicators across various sectors, some agencies may opt for multiple users to report metrics falling within their expertise. This type of reporting structure is allowable, but jurisdictions must ensure diligent coordination to avoid duplicative data.

Why use C-Met when the same data is already entered elsewhere?

Prior to C-MET, there was no efficient way to collect de-identified, aggregate data across multiple jurisdictions to identify nationwide food safety gaps.

Access to this new data set will allow CIFOR, Food Safety CoEs, and other partners to develop more effective training and resources, to assist public health agencies in their food safety efforts.

Can data be edited after it is submitted?

C-MET allows users to either edit or delete erroneous responses. Users are encouraged not to delete responses from prior reporting periods, because this will limit the efficiency and scope of measuring long-term progress.

How can C-Met benefit our jurisdiction?

C-MET is an efficient way for public health officials serving states, large cities, and counties to anonymously enter their jurisdiction’s data annually, and assess progress for each of the 16 metrics across multiple years.

Through C-MET’s aggregated data, officials can also compare their performance to national progress. C-MET data can support efforts by officials in leveraging additional resources for food safety activities.

Where can users access C-MET and additional guidance?

To access C-MET go to <http://metrics.cifor.us>. For additional information regarding C-MET or more about other CIFOR projects, visit CIFOR’s website at www.cifor.us.

Questions, comments, and concerns can also be sent directly via email to info@cifor.us.

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