



Infectious Disease Steering Committee

CSTE's infectious disease subcommittees are among the largest and most active groups in CSTE. In alignment with their respective local, state, and territorial public health departments, CSTE members collaborate with federal public health programs (e.g., CDC, FDA, and USDA) and sister organizations (e.g., APHL, ASTHO, NACCHO, and NASTAD) to support projects related to infectious disease research, surveillance, preparedness, response, and prevention.

Members of infectious disease subcommittees collaborate with other subcommittees to facilitate the investigation, identification, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease. In their efforts to prevent further spread of infectious diseases and encourage timely reporting, subcommittee members participate in the annual CSTE position statement process. This process updates case definitions for various infectious diseases and amends the list of nationally notifiable infectious diseases.



Recent Activities

- Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) Guidelines and Toolkit implementation trainings for state and large local health departments
- CIFOR Council meetings and projects to improve foodborne disease outbreak response
- Epidemiologic response to public health emergencies, such as the recent Ebola virus disease and Zika virus disease outbreaks
- Webinar series highlighting best practices and emerging issues in vectorborne diseases, food safety and hepatitis C surveillance
- Technical assistance provided through e-learning courses to increase national HIV surveillance capacity
- C/CSTE Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Workforce
- Development of the Council for Outbreak Response: Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial-Resistant Pathogens (CORHA)

Ongoing Projects

- Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project
- ARI Epidemiology & Surveillance Project
- Flu Near You Data Implementation Pilot Project
- Influenza Education among Youth in Agriculture Project
- Developing a Framework for STD Surveillance Capacity in STLT Agencies

New Tools and Resources

- Release of the 2nd edition of the CIFOR Guidelines and Toolkit to Improve Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response
- Development of target ranges for selected performance measures in the CIFOR Guidelines
- Healthcare-Associated Infections Data Analysis and Presentation Standardization Toolkit

Recent Assessments

- CSTE Assessment of Infection Prevention and Control Resources and Capacity
- Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE) Surveillance Assessment
- Food Safety Epidemiology Capacity Assessment
- CSTE Influenza and ILI Data Sources and Surveillance Systems Assessment

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