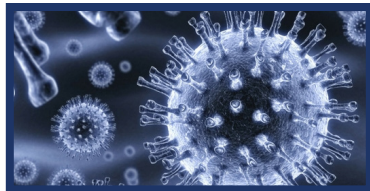




Infectious Disease Steering Committee

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 vector-borne diseases, food safety and hepatitis C surveillance
- Technical assistance provided through e-learning courses to increase national HIV surveillance capacity
- CDC/CSTE Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Taskforce
- Development of the Council for Outbreak Response: Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial-Resistant Pathogens

Ongoing Projects

- Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance and Incidence Surveillance Projects
- Severe Acute Respiratory Infection Surveillance Project
- Influenza Education among Youth in Agriculture Project

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
- Development of STD Outbreak Detection Guidance

Recent Assessments

- Vectorborne Disease Surveillance Capacity Assessment
- National Hepatitis C Surveillance Capacity Assessment
- Assessment of HAI Resources and Capacity: Infection Prevention and Drug Diversion
- Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) Surveillance Assessment
- Food Safety Epidemiology Capacity Assessment
- Mass Gatherings Assessment

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