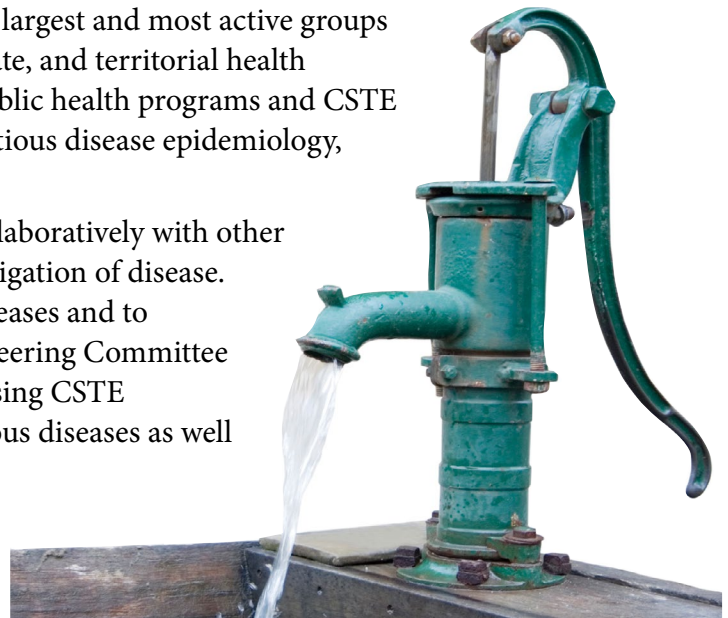


INFECTIOUS DISEASE STEERING COMMITTEE

CSTE's Infectious Disease Subcommittees are among the largest and most active groups within CSTE. In alignment with their respective local, state, and territorial health departments, CSTE members collaborate with federal public health programs and CSTE partner organizations to support projects related to infectious disease epidemiology, surveillance, preparedness, response, and prevention.

Infectious Disease subcommittee members also work collaboratively with other CSTE program areas to facilitate the detection and investigation of disease. In their efforts to prevent further spread of infectious diseases and to encourage timely reporting, CSTE's Infectious Disease Steering Committee participates in the annual process of developing and revising CSTE position statements related to case definitions for infectious diseases as well as updating the list of Nationally Notifiable Diseases.



Recent Projects & Activities

- Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak and Response (CIFOR) *Guidelines to Improve Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response* and Toolkit
- CIFOR *Guidelines* implementation trainings
- HIV Surveillance Coordinator Orientation Manual
- Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project
- Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project
- National Assessment of Food Safety Epidemiology Capacity
- National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) compendium meetings
- CIFOR law project
- "Introducing the NCHHSTP Data Security & Confidentiality Guidelines" webinar
- International influenza consultations

Upcoming Activities

- Webinar series for the HIV Technical Guidance volumes
- NASPHV Q fever guidance document
- CIFOR foodborne disease performance indicators project
- Additional trainings for the NCHHSTP Data Security & Confidentiality Guidelines

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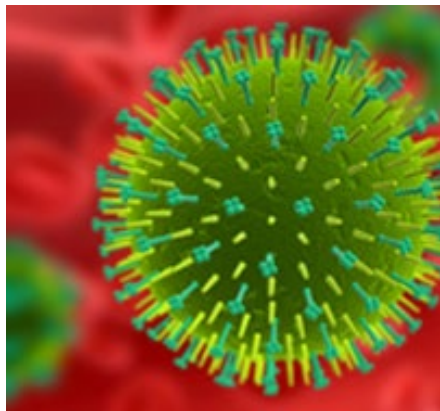
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Infectious Disease Activities

- **The Food Safety Subcommittee** is made up of public health professionals dedicated to building epidemiology capacity for the detection and prevention of foodborne illness. The Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak and Response (CIFOR) is a multi-agency organization co-chaired by CSTE and NACCHO that is dedicated to improving the detection, investigation, control, and prevention of foodborne disease. In 2009 CIFOR released the *Guidelines for Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response*, a comprehensive source of information on foodborne disease outbreak investigation and response, developed by CIFOR Council members and subject matter experts. In 2011, CIFOR released a Toolkit to aid in the implementation of the *Guidelines*. The Toolkit leads multi-disciplinary teams through a series of worksheets to determine how to best implement the recommendations in the *CIFOR Guidelines*. CIFOR has funded 23 sites to conduct trainings using the Toolkit to implement the *Guidelines*.



- **The Influenza Subcommittee** includes participation from CSTE members and staff as well as public health partners such as APHL and CDC. CSTE currently funds 4 sites for the Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project and 12 sites for the Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project; this funding enables states to detect and control public health threats including influenza and to develop new strategies for effective influenza surveillance. In particular, the Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project identifies the incidence and patterns of influenza and other sources of acute respiratory infection. The Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project describes the temporal trends of laboratory-confirmed influenza hospitalization and identifies high-risk persons for severe influenza illness and complications. In addition, CSTE partners with CDC's Influenza Division to conduct influenza surveillance reviews

and to provide technical assistance worldwide.

- **The HIV Subcommittee** includes an active group of HIV Surveillance Coordinators with many interests and activities surrounding HIV surveillance. This subcommittee works with CDC's HIV Incidence and Case Surveillance Branch and uses its expertise in HIV epidemiology to effectively use epidemiologic HIV data to guide public health practice and to inform public health policy. CSTE supports peer-to-peer technical assistance consultations and other training activities, such as SAS and eHARS training. A surveillance training manual to help new Surveillance Coordinators and their staff will be published in 2012.

- **The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV)**, a professional organization of over 150 public health veterinarians, was established in 1953. Since the early 1990s, the organization has hosted its annual meeting in conjunction with the CSTE annual conference. The organization works closely with CSTE and several other partner organizations to promote the role of veterinarians in public health and to address zoonotic disease and issues of public health concern. NASPHV periodically updates compendia that provide standardized national recommendations for key zoonotic disease issues, such as animal rabies and veterinary infection control. A multidisciplinary workgroup formed in 2011 to discuss Q fever outbreaks and develop useable and concise recommendations for addressing human and animal health considerations when responding to Q fever events. The document will be available on www.cste.org.

