

Quick Start Food Emergency Response Job Aids

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Objectives

Become familiar with the Partnership for Food Protection's Quick
 Start Food Emergency Response Job Aids and how to use them



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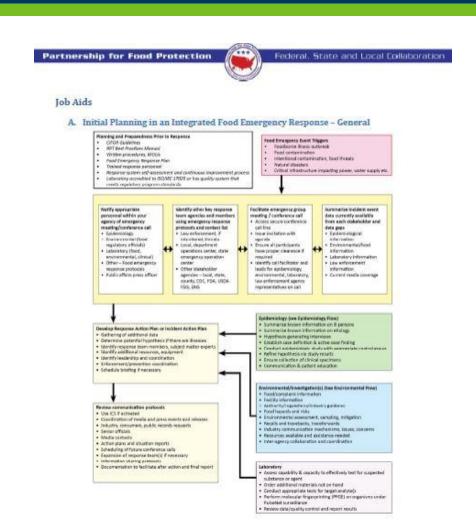




You've got the PFP Quick Start Job Aids!

Partnership for Food Protection | Quick Start Job Aids

- Walks you through tasks at initial stage of foodborne outbreak or food emergency
- Easy-to-follow flow diagrams
- Covers communication, coordination, and planning among:
 - Epidemiologists
 - Laboratorians
 - Environmental Health/Regulatory officials



Basic steps immediately after initial notification

Notify appropriate personnel within your agency of emergency meeting/conference call

- Epidemiology
- Environmental (food regulatory officials)
- Laboratory (food, environmental, clinical)
- Other Food emergency response protocols
- Public affairs press officer

Identify other key response team agencies and members using emergency response protocols and contact list

- Law enforcement, if intentional, threats
- Local, department operations center, state emergency operation center
- Other stakeholder agencies – local, state, county, CDC, FDA, USDA FSIS, DHS

Facilitate emergency group meeting / conference call

- Access secure conference call line
- Issue invitation with agenda
- Ensure all participants have proper clearance if required
- Identify call facilitator and leads for epidemiology, environmental, laboratory, law enforcement agency representatives on call

Summarize incident event data currently available from each stakeholder and data gaps

- Epidemiological information
- Environmental/food information
- · Laboratory information
- Law enforcement information
- Current media coverage









Develop Response Action Plan or Incident Action Plan

- Gathering of additional data
- Determine potential hypothesis if there are illnesses
- Identify response team members, subject matter experts
- · Identify additional resources, equipment
- · Identify leadership and coordination
- · Enforcement/prevention coordination
- Schedule briefing if necessary



Review communication protocols

- · Use ICS if activated
- Coordination of media and press events and releases
- · Industry, consumers, public records requests
- Senior officials
- Media contacts
- Action plans and situation reports
- · Scheduling of future conference calls
- · Expansion of response team(s) if necessary
- Information sharing protocols
- Documentation to facilitate after action and final report

Create an action plan

Provides simple reminders of concurrent steps

Epi

Summarize case patient information Identify potential sources of Illness & modes of transmission

Environmental Health

Summarize food vehicle information

Assess food operations & identify potential hazards

Lab

Assess capability & capacity for testing

Conduct tests, review quality control & report results

Focuses on communication & coordination

- Prepare to discuss your findings and actions
- Identify method of information sharing with multidisciplinary investigation team
- Prepare to discuss communication plans
- Assess resources and request assistance if necessary

Simple preparedness task list

- How do notifications come in and from where?
- Do you have contacts for all these notification groups? And contacts for groups you'll be coordinating with?
- Are staff properly trained?
- What resources are available if your agency is stretched beyond capacity? How do you ask for help and from whom?





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