

State of Michigan – Department of Health and Human Services

The following provides the State with the authority to obtain records and documents necessary for the determination of consumer food purchases during investigation of foodborne illnesses within their jurisdiction. Questions regarding specific situations, the documents that can be requested, or the statutory citations listed should be directed to the authorized State agency. You may access contact information for the state agency on the Directory of State and Local Officials webpage at:

<http://dslo.afdo.org>

Michigan Administrative Code

§ R 325.174 Investigation of diseases, infections, epidemics, and situations with potential for causing diseases.

Rule 4. (1) The department or the local health department that has jurisdiction where an individual who has a reported condition resides or where an illness or infection is being or may be spread shall initiate an investigation as necessary. (2) An investigator who presents official identification of the local health department or the department shall promptly be provided with medical, epidemiologic, and other information pertaining to any of the following:

- (a) Individuals who have designated conditions or other conditions of public health significance.
- (b) Individuals, whether ill or well, who are part of a group in which an unusual occurrence, outbreak, or epidemic has occurred.
- (c) Individuals who are not known to have a designated condition but whose medical or epidemiological information is needed for investigation into the cause of the occurrence of the condition.
- (d) Individuals who were potentially exposed to a designated condition.
- (e) Individuals who may be a carrier or health threat to others under MCL 333.5201.
- (f) Any other information that may be relevant to an investigation under this rule.

§ R 325.181 Confidentiality of reports, records, and data pertaining to testing, diagnosis, care, treatment, reporting, and research.

Rule 11. (2) Medical and epidemiological information that identifies an individual and that is gathered in connection with an investigation is confidential and is not open to public inspection without the individual's consent or the consent of the individual's guardian, unless public inspection is necessary to protect the public health as determined by a local health officer or the director.

Michigan Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978

§ Section 333.2446 Inspection or investigation

To assure compliance with laws enforced by a local health department, the local health department may inspect, investigate, or authorize an inspection or investigation to be

made of, any matter, thing, premise, place, person, record, vehicle, incident, or event.
Sections 2241 to 2247 apply to an inspection or investigation made under this section.