

State of Tennessee – Department of Health

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>

Rules of the Tennessee Department of Health

§ 1200-14-01-.15 GENERAL MEASURES FOR THE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF REPORTABLE DISEASES.

- (1) The local health officer or the Commissioner or a designated representative of the Commissioner, upon receiving a report of a reportable disease or of a suspected epidemic of disease or of a suspected case of a disease of public health significance or event, shall:
- (a) Confer with the physician, laboratory, hospital, or person making the report;
 - (b) Collect such specimens for laboratory examination as may be necessary to confirm the diagnosis of the disease and/or to find the source of the infection or the epidemic;
 - (c) Obtain all names and information necessary to identify and contact all persons potentially exposed to the source of the disease outbreak as needed to protect the public health;
 - (d) Make a complete epidemiological investigation to include (but not limited to): review of appropriate medical and laboratory records of affected persons and controls, interviews of affected persons and controls, and recording of the findings on a communicable disease field record; and
 - (e) Establish appropriate control measures which may include examination, treatment, isolation, quarantine, exclusion, disinfection, immunization, disease surveillance, closure of establishment, education, and other measures considered appropriate by medical experts for the protection of the public's health.