

State of Maryland – 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>

Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR)

COMAR Title 10 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

10.06.01.06 General Control Measures General Control Measures

A. Necessary Action.

The Secretary or health officer shall:

- (1) Take any action or measure necessary to prevent the spread of communicable disease or to control a reportable disease and condition; and
- (2) Issue, when necessary, special instructions for control of a disease or condition.

B. Epidemiologic Investigations.

(1) A health officer shall respond to each reported outbreak or suspected outbreak of disease within the health officer's jurisdiction in order to collect data to assist in establishing adequate control measures.

(2) A health officer shall investigate a reported case or suspect case of a condition as requested by the Secretary.

(3) The Secretary may, in conjunction with the health officers, conduct the epidemiologic investigation for each reported case or suspected case in an outbreak involving two or more jurisdictions or states.

(4) An individual, a business, a facility, or an agency, including a health care provider, school or child care facility personnel, a master of a vessel or aircraft, or a medical laboratory director, shall make available to the Secretary or a health officer all records and information necessary to the epidemiologic response or investigation.