



R.E.S.P.O.N.S.E. ... Find Out What It Means to Me

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Notification of Outbreaks

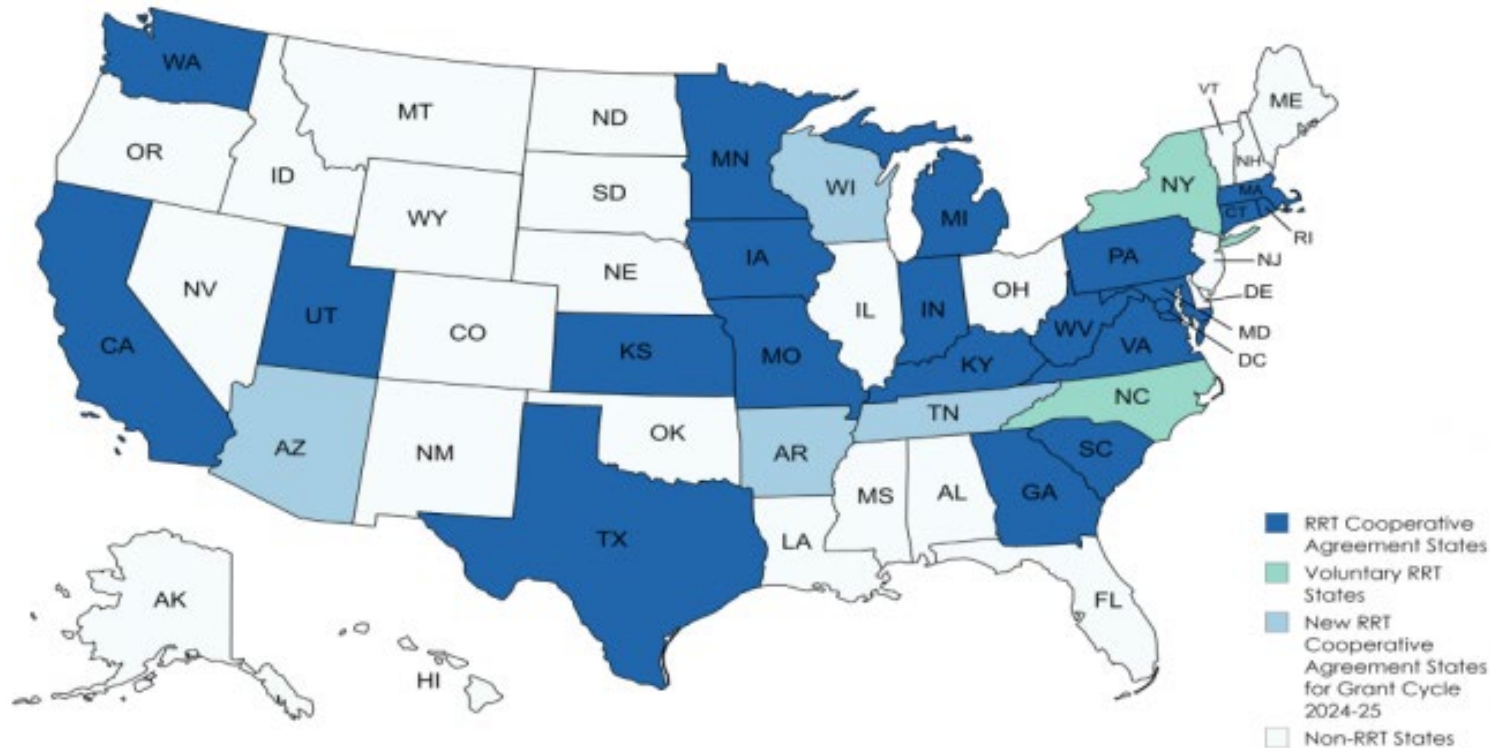
- ❖ How do you get notified?
- ❖ What are the communication channels your agency utilizes?



FDA Rapid Response Team Program

RRT STATE MAP
Cooperative Agreement **2024-25**

Rapid
Response
Teams



Notification of Outbreaks

- Health Department- Epi/EH reporting
 - Collecting illness reports
 - Specimens may be taken and submitted to a clinical lab confirming illness
 - Tie into CDC and isolate reporting



Notification of Outbreaks

You may be contacted by...

- State or local health
- State manufactured food program
- Rapid Response Team
- FDA State Liaison or Emergency Response Coordinator



Outbreak Investigation

- FDA may have an assignment for traceback
- State manufactured food program may start investigation and tag in Produce Team
- Rapid Response Team and or Epi may be investigating as well
- FDA hosts CORE Calls
- Know your partners!



FDA State Liaisons- Human Food Program

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AL	Marcia Evans
American Samoa	Rebecca Sletner
AR	Samuel Gibbons
AZ	David Gonzalez
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CA (Northern CA)	Sean Desbrow
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CO	David Gonzalez
CT	Rob Veitch
FL	Leslie Mendoza
GA	Tyrico English

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HI	Rebecca Sletner
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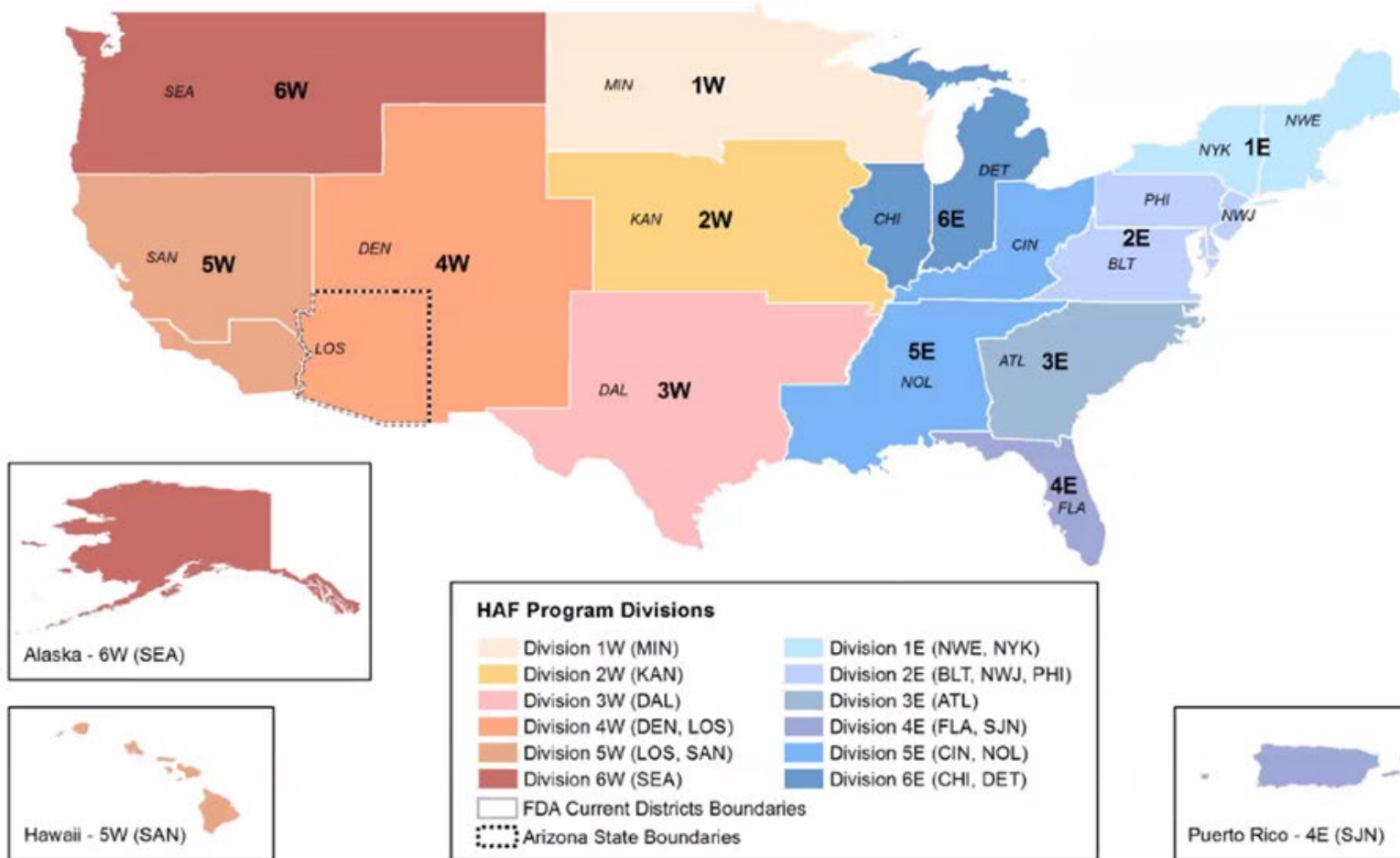
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NC	Michele Howard
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NM	David Gonzalez
NV	David Gonzalez
NY	Ellen Landis
OH	Pending
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PA	Kyle Hobson
PR	Marianela Aponte (Acting)
RI	Rob Veitch
SC	Tyrico English
TN	Amanda Osteen
TX	Lourdes Genera
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VA	Natasha DeZinna
VT	Rob Veitch
WA	Ian Thomson
WI	Eric Breselow
WV	Natasha DeZinna
WY	David Gonzalez



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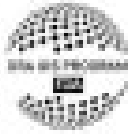


Office of Human Food Inspectorate (OHFI)

Division Boundaries

New OII/OHFI Division	States	Districts
HFI East 1	CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT	NWE-DO NYK-DO
HFI East 2	DE, NJ, PA, MD, DC	PHI-DO, NWJ-DO, BLT-DO
HFI East 3	VA, WV, GA, NC, SC	BLT-DO, ATL-DO
HFI East 4	FL, PR, VI	FLA-DO, SJN-DO
HFI Central 1	IL, IN, MI	CHI-DO DET-DO
HFI Central 2	OH, KY, TN, LA, AL, MS	CIN-DO, NOL-DO
HFI Central 3	WI, MN, ND, SD	MIN-DO
HFI Central 4	IA, KS, MO, NE, AR, OK	KAN-DO, DAL-DO
HFI Central 5	TX	DAL-DO
HFI West 1	Southern CA	LOS-DO
HFI West 2	Northern CA	SAN-DO
HFI West 3	AS, GU, MP, HI, AK, ID, MT, OR, WA	SAN-DO, SEA-DO
HFI West 4	AZ, NV, CO, UT, NM, WY	DEN-DO, SAN-DO, LOS-DO





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Territories

USA	OHFI East-IV
AC	OHFI West-II
GU	OHFI West-II
MP	OHFI West-II

OHFI Divisions	Central-I	West-I
East-I	Central-II	West-II
East-II	Central-III	West-III
East-III	Central-IV	West-IV
East-IV	Central-V	State



FDA Emergency Response Coordinators

District	State(s)/Territories Covered	ERC
SJN	PR & USVI	Aponte, Marianela
SEA	AK, ID, MT, OR, WA	Volkman, Kelsey
SAN	N. CA, NV, HI, Guam, Am. Samoa, CNMI, So. CA, (COOP only-AZ RP)	Yuen, Nicole
SAN	N. CA, NV, HI, Guam, Am. Samoa, CNMI	Galvez, Steven
PHI	PA, DE	Bradley Benasutti
NY	NY	McGorty, Milan
NWJ	NJ	Muszynski, William
NWE	CT, NH, MA, ME, RI, VT	Langello, Kimberly



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FLA	FL	Venerio, Nelson
DET	MI, IN	Turner, Marlon
DEN	AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY	Kozler, Matthew
DAL	TX, AR, OK	Hunt, Travis
CIN	OH, KY	Smith, Holly
CHI	IL	Cooper, Joseph
BLT	DC, MD, VA, WV	Whitney, Brooke (DETAIL)
ATL	GA, NC, SC	Huggins, Wilbur



How you may be involved...

- You may be asked to assist with traceback investigation
- Notify PSN of foodborne outbreak involving produce
- Conduct a visit
- Coordinate with FDA with farm level traceback



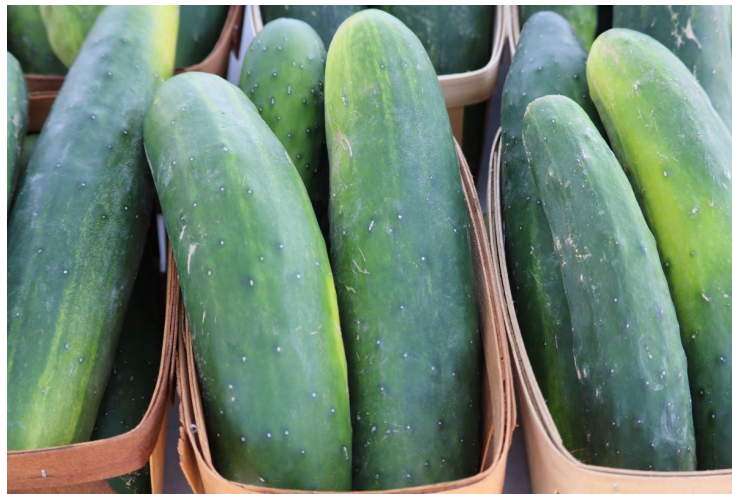
What Georgia Does...

- Include Produce Safety Team on weekly RRT check-in calls
 - Communication with Fed partners, EH, Epi, Manufactured Food, Retail, Lab- great relationship building!
- Include Produce Safety Team in RRT trainings, exercises; familiarity before an incident
- Include Produce Safety PM on CORE Calls, if necessary



Georgia Cucumber Case Study

- July 2024- Holiday weekend, of course?!
- GA RRT notified by Michigan RRT of positive STEC and 3 Listeria samples at retail of whole cucumber (multiple positives from different locations)
- Immediately started traceback with Produce Safety Program Team
- 3 Listeria positives all tied back to Georgia farm
- STEC was “labeled” GA but then tied back to Mexico after extensive traceback with retailer. Retailer was reusing boxes in back of store for organizing produce for shelves



Georgia Cucumber Case Study

- 4 more Listeria positives found from another Michigan retailer- while they were originally from GA, these were tied to an OH firm that also had positives (enviro swabs taken)
- Cucumbers moved from Georgia farm to average of 3 other firms by the time it hit the retail shelves
- Importance of traceability 😊
- Produce team conducted visits at GA farms. All farms were done with cucumbers by the time traceback was concluded.
- Props to MDARD for this exemplary work on their sampling blitz!

