

Investigating Foodborne Illness Outbreaks

Local health departments use Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net) practices to conduct environmental assessments during outbreaks to determine how pathogens are spread and cause illness.



Interview food workers and managers.



Observe how food is handled, prepared, and temperature controlled.



Review food service establishment records for operations, policies, and practices.



Collect specimens, environmental samples and food samples to identify pathogens.