

**CDC's Emerging Infections Program**  
**CDC/USDA/FDA Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network**  
**Steering Committee Conference Call**

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2005  
Present: CA, CO, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN, TX, USDA-FSIS, FDA, CDC

A. Administrative

1. Personnel
  - A. Welcome Sridevi Wilmore (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>)!
2. Minnesota Contact Information
  - The updated contact information for Minnesota was included in the call packet.
3. Status of manuscripts
  - A list of active manuscripts was included with the call materials.
4. ICEID abstracts
  - A list of ICEID abstracts was included in the call packet; most of them are in CDC clearance.
  - The abstract submission deadline has been extended to Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

B. Working Groups and Special Studies

1. Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group
  - A reminder to send state approval letters for the study to Jennifer Nelson.
2. Selected *Salmonella* serotypes Working Group
  - A. Enrollment overlap/Isolate submission and testing expectations
    - A draft of the study protocol was included in the call materials for review.
3. *E. coli* O157/HUS Working Group
  - The protocol is still at CDC IRB.
4. *Campylobacter* Regional Differences Working Group
  - A. Laboratory Survey
    - Data entry on the lab surveys is complete.
  - B. Grocery Store Survey
    - There was a meeting with Jill Hollingsworth to discuss the conducting the study.
    - Meeting with ARS about testing the retail chicken products.
    - FSIS will be starting a baseline study in January.
5. Outbreak Working Group
  - EFORS 2.0 has been launched and transitioning from 1.0 is still in progress. Consequently, outbreak tables were not included in this month's call materials.
  - The Outbreak Supplemental forms are being revised for 2006.
6. Interventions Working Group
  - A. *Listeria* project
    - The group is reviewing educational materials about *Listeria*.
    - Some of the materials will be posted to the secure site for review.
7. *C. difficile* pilot project
  - The 2 month pilot project will be launched soon.

C. Proposals

1. Revised: Evaluating the Reporting of Contributing Factors (CF) to EFORS
  - This study was previously proposed and approved in 2004.
  - The new proposal is to submit an abstract to ICEID on contributing factors associated with produce.
  - Proposal was accepted.

D. Surveillance

1. Active data
  - *Campylobacter* rates have increased; *Listeria* has increased; *Salmonella* has decreased overall; *Shigella* has decreased; *E. coli* O157 has increased; STEC non-O157 has increased; *Vibrio* has increased; *Yersenia* has increased; *Cryptosporidium* has increased; *Cyclospora* has increased.
  - A. Linking Projects
    - Revisions are being made to the tables previously presented.
2. HUS data
  - 70 cases have been reported in 2005, and there were 5 deaths.
  - 68% of those tested for Shiga toxin were positive.
  - Overall 47% of those tested for O157 by serology or by culture were positive, and 9% of those tested for Non-O157 were positive.
  - 63% of those cultured for O157 were positive.

E. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

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|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|---|
| 1. Monday     | November 14 <sup>th</sup> | 4:00-5:00   | Blending Working Group                                    |
| 2. Tuesday    | November 15 <sup>th</sup> | 3:00-4:00   | HUS/STEC Working Group                                    |
| 3. Wednesday  | November 15 <sup>th</sup> | 3:00-4:00   | Uncertainty Analysis and Validation Studies Working Group |
| 4. Wednesday  | November 16 <sup>th</sup> | 4:00-5:00   | Shigella Analytical Working Group                         |
| 5. Thursday   | November 17 <sup>th</sup> | 2:00-3:00   | FoodNet Coordinator call                                  |
| 6. Thursday   | November 17 <sup>th</sup> | 3:00-4:00   | Outbreak Working Group                                    |
| 7. Monday     | November 21 <sup>st</sup> | 4:00-5:00   | Blending Working Group                                    |
| 8. Tuesday    | November 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 2:00-3:00   | Interventions Working Group                               |
| 9. Tuesday    | November 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 4:00-5:00   | Risky Foods Working Group                                 |
| 10. Wednesday | December 30 <sup>th</sup> | 1:00-2:00   | Campylobacter Laboratory Survey                           |
| 11. Thursday  | December 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 11:00-12:00 | Attributions Working Group                                |

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12.	Tuesday	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	2:00-4:30	Update Meeting
13.	Wednesday	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-2:00	Campylobacter Grocery Store Subcommittees
14.	Thursday	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	2:00-3:00	FoodNet Steering Committee
15.	Wednesday	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:00-5:00	Validation Working Group

F. Data Submission Deadlines

1. Surveillance data transmission Friday, November 18th
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>