

Roles and Responsibilities

State and local roles and responsibilities are identified below. Regional roles are also identified when applicable. This is not an exhaustive list. Furthermore, although roles and responsibilities are listed, the MDH recognizes that the infrastructure to support these planning efforts is evolving and may not yet be in place.

State			
	Roles and responsibilities	Coordinating entity	Explanation
Drinking water safety	Provide technical assistance/support to assure safety of water supply	Primary EH (DWP) Local Water Utility LPH	Work with public water supply, local public health, etc. to assure safety of water supply.
Food safety	Conduct inspections at mass feeding operations to assure food safety and personal hygiene	Primary EH (EHS) VOAD LPH	Work with local public health, volunteer organizations, etc. to assure safety of food and food handling.
Outbreak response	Investigate potential food- or water-borne outbreaks and implement preventive/corrective actions	Primary EH (EHS) EH (DWP) PHL ADIC LPH	Appropriate EH section collaborates with ADIC and PHL in any outbreak investigations resulting from loss of barriers or controls in environmental health systems

Local			
	Roles and responsibilities	Coordinating entity	Explanation
Food safety	Conduct inspections at mass feeding operations to assure food safety and personal hygiene	Primary LPH VOAD EH (EHS)	To the extent possible, work with EHS, volunteer organizations, etc. to assure safety of food and food handling.
Outbreak response	Investigate potential food- or water-borne outbreaks and implement preventive/corrective actions	Primary LPH EH (EHS) EH (DWP) PHL ADIC	To the extent possible, collaborate with appropriate EH section, ADIC, and PHL in any outbreak investigations resulting from loss of barriers or controls in environmental health systems.

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