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TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Health Officer / Medical Director / Director of Environmental Health

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SUBJECT: MDARD/MDHHS Outbreak-Ready *Virtual* Training

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The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Food and Dairy Division, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Communicable Diseases have scheduled a **virtual** Outbreak-Ready (formerly Epi-Ready) team training opportunity on January 18-19, 2022.

Course Title	<i>MDARD / MDHHS Outbreak-Ready Virtual Team-based Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigation Training</i>
Course Description	A two-day Zoom-based virtual workshop for public health professionals with responsibility for investigation of foodborne illness outbreaks. Outbreak-Ready uses a <u>team-based</u> approach focused on efficient and effective multi-disciplinary responses to foodborne disease outbreaks. The primary content for the course was created and revised by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), nationally coordinated by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
Participant Guidelines	This training is focused for public health, health care, and food regulatory professionals with one to four (1-4) years of on-the-job experience involved in outbreak investigations including: environmental health specialists/sanitarians, epidemiologists, infectious disease control, public health nurses, laboratorians, emergency preparedness coordinators, and others. <i>The maximum number of participants is 20-25 per session (maximum four attendees per agency).</i>
Cost	There is no charge for attending this course.
Technology Requirements	Internet connection; Laptop/desktop computer with camera and microphone; Zoom app capability.
Registration / Registration Link	Link to Register: https://lms.ifpti.org?KeyName=H-m6opCkfzDJoZyejEUo Registration and certificates of completion will be administered by MDARD via the International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) Absorb Learning Management System (LMS). <u>New Account Registrations:</u> Upon clicking link above you will be prompted to create an account using your email as your new username. Please utilize the 'forgot password' and related features if you are not sure if you already have an account. <u>Existing Account Registrations:</u> After clicking the registration link, click the <i>Login</i> button in the upper right to enter your username (may be your email <u>or</u> a FirstName.LastName format) and password. Upon completion of one of these steps you will be automatically enrolled in the course. Please contact Heather Brewer at brewerh9@michigan.gov or 517-582-1158 if you have any questions about the registration link or process.
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