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

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)
Attn: Food and Dairy Division Managers

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SUBJECT: ***MDARD / MDHHS Outbreak-Ready Virtual Team-based Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigation 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, **April 4-5, 2023**.

Course Description

This two-day Microsoft Teams-based virtual workshop is for public health professionals with responsibility for investigation of foodborne illness outbreaks. Outbreak-Ready uses a team-based 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 staff, public health nurses, laboratorians, emergency preparedness coordinators, and others. *The maximum number of participants is 20-25 per session (maximum two attendees per agency).* If you wish for additional attendees from your agency to participate, please indicate this on the interest form.

Cost

There is no charge for this course.

Technology Requirements

Participants are required to have internet connection, a laptop/desktop computer with a functional microphone and camera, and Microsoft Teams capability.

Registration

Please fill out the Outbreak-Ready Interest Form at:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h3D71Xc3rUKWaoku9Hil0V01VyWpk2VKqPnNWVdnpoFUQ0FGTzBQV0s1Q0gzU1hMMIFBOEtBSEpWUS4u> or email Lauren Edwards at EdwardsL8@michigan.gov to register for the course. In your email, please include your full name, professional title, credentials, and the type of credit you're seeking for the course (i.e. contact hours, CEUs). Please note: Opportunities for continuing education in the areas of Nursing and Certification in Public Health have been applied for.