



# Foodborne Disease Investigation and Management: An Ontario Symposium

## Meeting Objectives:

1. Getting to know each other: To enhance and strengthen relationships and communications between participants (public health practitioners and key stakeholders directly involved in foodborne disease investigation and management) through interaction and dialogue.
2. To increase participants' understanding of current communication plans and protocols relating to foodborne disease investigation and management; and to exchange knowledge in regards to strengthening these lines of communication.
3. To increase participants' understanding of the management of foodborne outbreaks; and to review best practices in regards to outbreak management. (Including: epidemiological investigations, laboratory investigations, sampling and premise investigation.)

## Day 1 **Theme: Roles and Responsibilities and Communications**

<b>7:30 – 8:30 am</b>	Registration & Coffee & Networking	<b>10:40 am</b>	Roles and Responsibilities – Public Health Units. Cynthia Peacock-Rocca, Sudbury and District Health Unit
<b>8:30 am</b>	Open Symposium: Welcome and Introduction of Senior Representatives Allison Stuart, ADM, MOHLTC	<b>11:00 am</b>	Roles and Responsibilities – MOHLTC Alison Samuel, MOHLTC
<b>8:40 am</b>	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario	<b>11:10 am</b>	Roles and Responsibilities – CFIA Linda LeBlanc & Adrienne Kong, CFIA
<b>8:55 am</b>	Housekeeping. Chair: Yvonne Whitfield, MOHLTC	<b>11:40 am</b>	Roles and Responsibilities – Health Canada Dr. Jeff Farber, Health Canada
<b>9:00 am</b>	Ontario Multi-Agency Foodborne Outbreak/Food Recall Working Group Yvonne Whitfield, MOHLTC & Louise Sharpe, CFIA	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Roles and Responsibilities – OAHPP Dr. Dean Middleton, OAHPP
<b>9:15 am</b>	Protocols: Summary of FIORP and Roles and Responsibilities of PHAC. Lisa Landry, PHAC	<b>12:20 pm</b>	Roles and Responsibilities – OMAFRA, MNR. Dr. Gavin Downing, OMAFRA & Brian Burdick, MNR
<b>9:55 am</b>	Protocols: Ontario MOU Dr. Dean Middleton, OAHPP & Louise Sharpe, CFIA	<b>12:30 – 1:45 pm</b>	Lunch & Networking
<b>10:15 am</b>	Health Break & Networking Opportunity with Senior Representatives		

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## Day 1 (cont'd)

**1:45 pm** Food Premises Plant Investigation, Multi-Agency Roles: Guidance Document. Dr. Dean Middleton, OAHPP

**2:00 pm** Table Top Exercise – Hypothetical Outbreak Case Study Facilitator: Dr. Dean Middleton, OAHPP  
The table top exercise will involve a mock foodborne illness outbreak in Ontario, which will focus on roles and responsibilities of various agencies in plant/traceback/recall investigations, and communications during the investigation.

**3:30 pm** Coffee Break

**3:45 pm** Report Back

**4:30 pm** Wrap Up

Evaluation

## Day 2

**Theme: Outbreak Management**

**7:30 – 8:00 am** Coffee & Networking

**8:00 am** Introduction to the day/Objectives  
Chair: Dr. Gavin Downing, OMAFRA

**8:10 am** Foodborne Outbreaks: Epidemiological Investigations. Yvonne Whitfield & Karen Johnson, MOHLTC & Andrea Currie, PHAC

**8:55 am** Sampling: Mary Rutherford & Enrico Buenaventura, CFIA, Dr. Vanessa Allen, OAHPP, Dr. Maria Nazarowec-White & Dr. John Austin, Health Canada

**10:10 – 10:30 am** Health Break & Networking

**10:30 am** Laboratory Investigations: Dr. Vanessa Allen, OAHPP & Johanna Murphy, CFIA

**11:00 am** Outbreak Investigations – Minnesota, US Experience. Dr. Carlota Medus, Minnesota Department of Health/CDC FoodNet

**11:45 am** Outbreak Investigations – North Bay, Ontario Experience. Michael Duncan & Louise Gagné, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

**12:30 – 1:30 pm** Lunch & Networking

**1:30 pm** Table Top Exercise – Multi-jurisdictional Outbreak Case Study (FIORP)  
Facilitator: PHAC Outbreak Management  
The table top exercise will involve a mock multi-jurisdictional foodborne illness outbreak, which will focus on the key decision points and weight of evidence for action during the investigation.

**2:45 pm** Coffee Break

**3:00 pm** Case Study Continued/Summary

**3:45 pm** Closing Remarks: Dr. David C. Williams, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario

Evaluation