



# Coordination and Communication during Foodborne Outbreaks

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# Objectives

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## Identify

Identify jurisdictional roles among Tribal Health departments, Indian Health Service (IHS), State and local health departments, and federal partners during foodborne illness complaint response and outbreak investigations.



## Describe

Describe key components of a foodborne illness outbreak response system

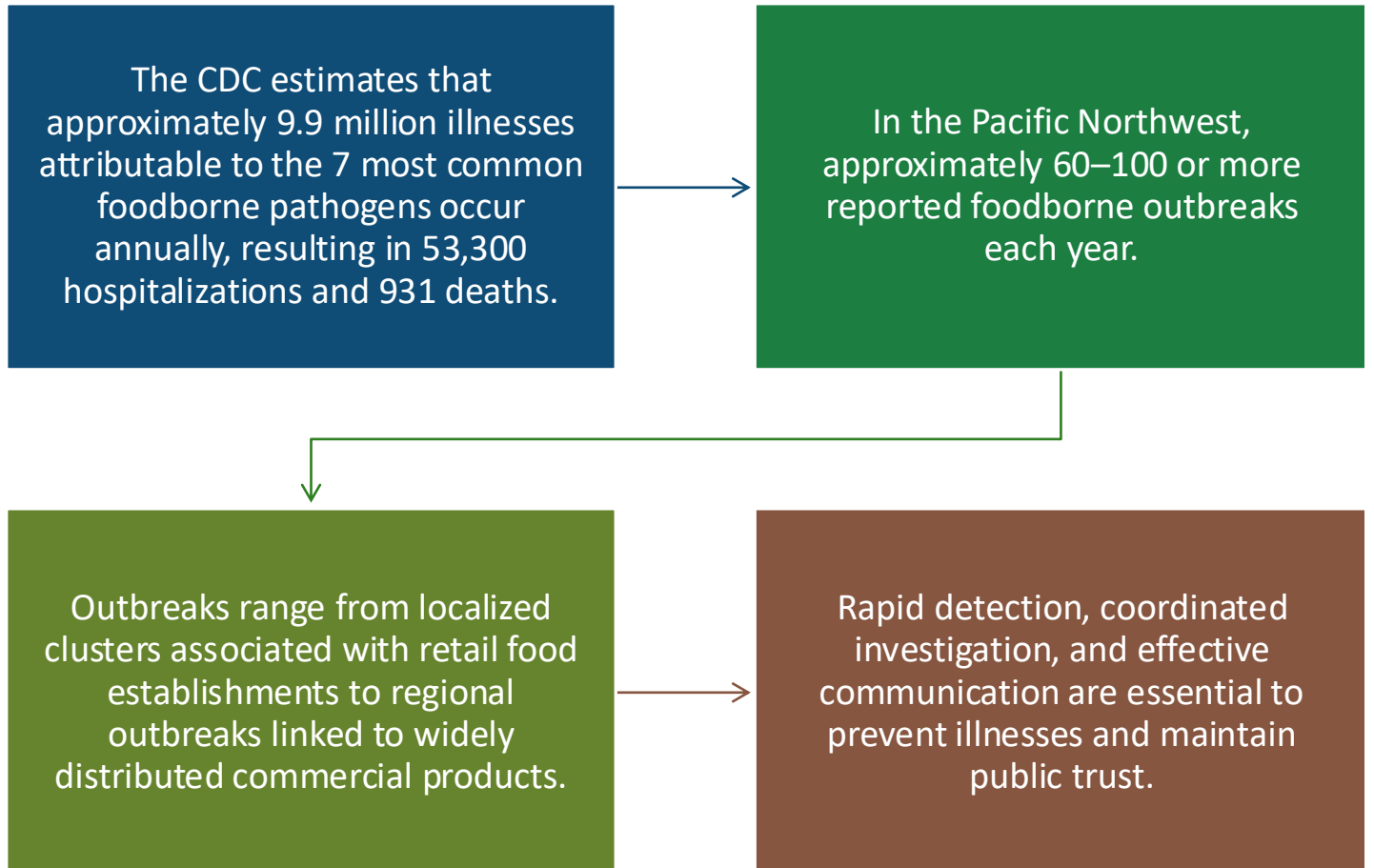


## Develop

Develop at least two actionable strategies to strengthen complaint triage procedures, cross-jurisdictional coordination, or culturally appropriate risk communication.



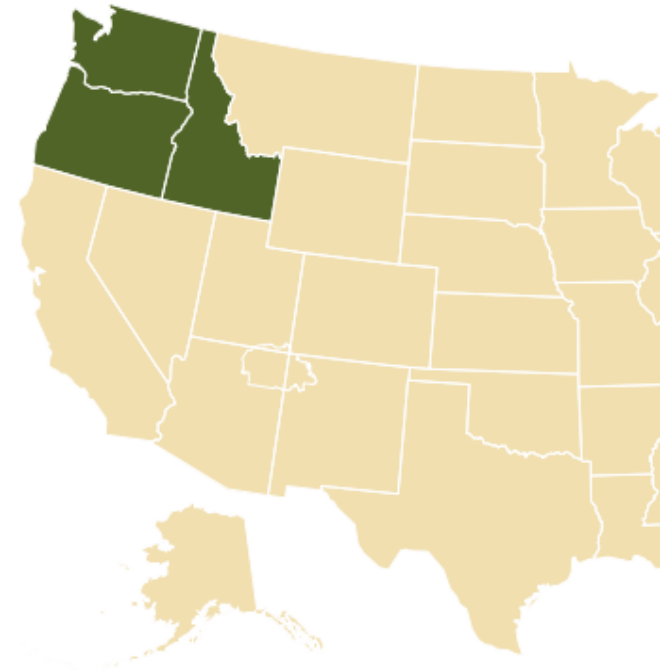
# Foodborne Illness in the Pacific Northwest



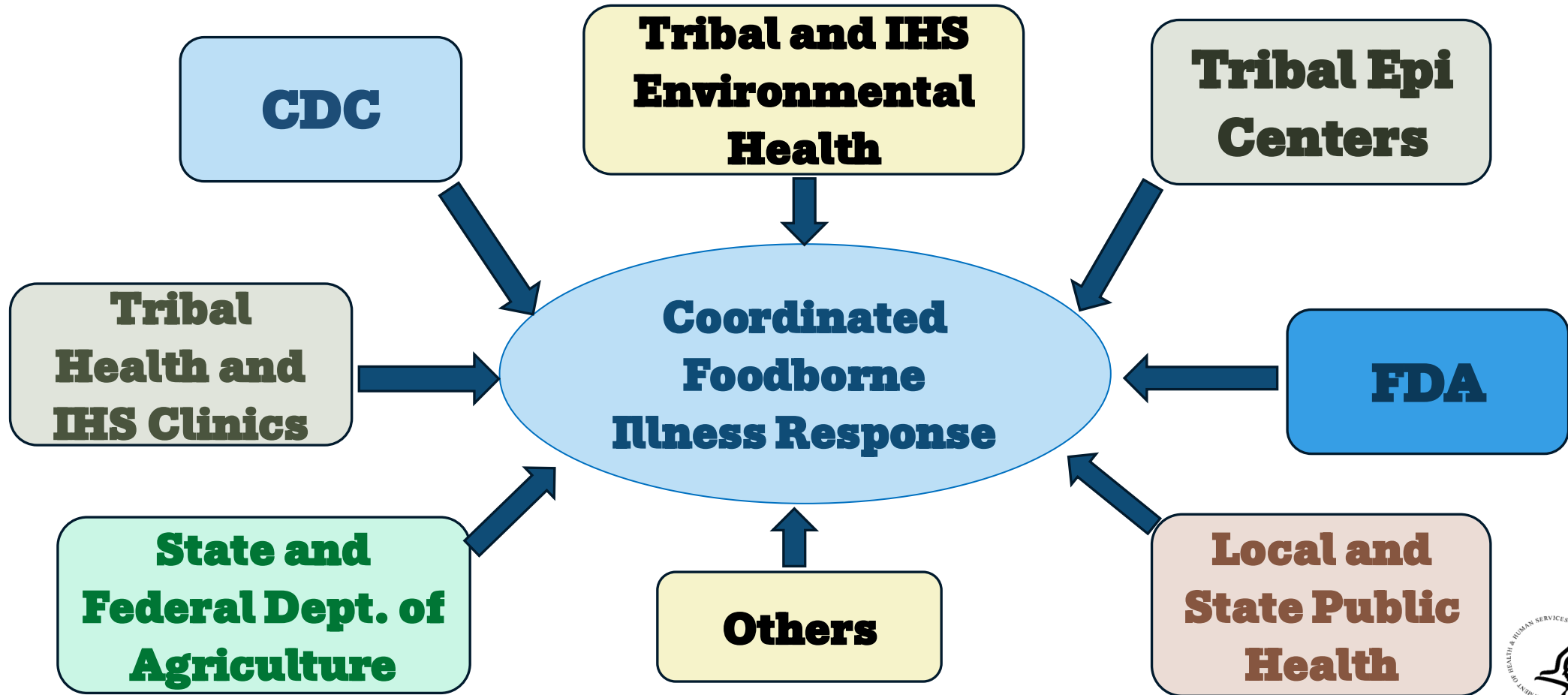
# Foodborne Illness Challenges

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- Multi-jurisdictional nature
- Remoteness of population
- Laboratory access and length of time from exposure
- Awareness of complaint systems
- Trust



# Foodborne Illness Response Partners





# Partners and roles – Tribal and IHS Environmental Health



Tribal Health  
Environmental  
Health Support



Coordination  
with local, state  
and federal  
partners



Coordination  
with Tribal Epi  
Center



Communication  
with Tribe and  
Establishments



Environmental  
assessment of  
implicated  
establishments



# Partners and roles – Tribal Epi Centers, Local and State Public Health

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- Complaint Intake Systems
- Coordination with local jurisdictions
- State Public Health Lab sample receiving and processing
- Complaint and case interviews



# Partners and Roles – FDA, CDC, USDA

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FDA – Outbreak Investigation, Regulation, Recalls, Consumer Advisories, Training, FoodNet



CDC – Coordination of multi-state outbreak investigation, Epi support, National Outbreak Reporting System (NORS), National Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS), Environmental Assessment Training, Research, FoodNet



USDA, State Dept. Ag – Meat, chicken and egg products investigation and regulation



# Training Resources and Recommendation

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- [CDC Environmental Assessment Training Series \(EATS\)](#)
- [CDC Just In Time From Inspector to Investigator Training](#)
- [Washington Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence](#)  
(CDC Food Safety Modernization Act)
- [CDC Investigator Field Guides](#)
- [FDA LearnED](#)



# Thank you

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