

CDC FoodCORE Year Ten Cumulative Metrics Data
Norovirus, Other Etiology, and Unknown Etiology (NOU)

Report Period: [January 1, 2020] to [December 31, 2020]

Ten state and local health departments participate in FoodCORE. Data are only reported when available from three or more centers; 'n' indicates the number of centers reporting each metric.*

Performance Metrics: (See FoodCORE website for complete language and definitions)	Norovirus Mean (Range)	Other Etiology Mean (Range)	Unknown Etiology Mean (Range)
1a. Number of investigations	44 (2–137) n=10	11 (2–48) n=10	11 (1–37) n=10
1b. Number of foodborne or point-source investigations	4 (0–11) n=10	5 (0–9) n=10	2 (0–6) n=10
1c. Number of person-to-person investigations	40 (1–126) n=10	2 (0–5) n=10	9 (0–37) n=10
2a.1 Number; Percent of investigations with clinical specimens submitted to any lab	19 (1–71) 59% (9%–100%) n=10	10 (2–44) 88% (60%–100%) n=10	3 (0–16) 45% (0%–100%) n=10
2a.2 Number; Percent of investigations with clinical specimens submitted to PHL	11 (0–45) 28% (0%–58%) n=10	9 (0–44) 67% (0%–100%) n=10	2 (0–9) 37% (0%–100%) n=10
2b. Number; Percent of investigations where clinical specimens were tested for GI viruses at PHL	11 (0–45) 90% (0%–100%) n=10	1 (0–3) 27% (0%–100%) n=10	2 (0–9) 38% (0%–100%) n=8
2b.1 Number; Percent of investigations where specimens were tested for norovirus by RT-PCR at PHL	11 (0–45) 90% (0%–100%) n=10	1 (0–3) 46% (0%–100%) n=8	2 (0–9) 43% (0%–100%) n=7
2b.1.1 Number; Percent of norovirus investigations with positive specimens sequenced and uploaded to CaliciNet	13 (4–33) 68% (0%–100%) n=6	n/a	n/a
2b.1.1.1 Median days from first norovirus detection via RT-PCR to upload to CaliciNet	4 (0–7) n=6	n/a	n/a

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2b.2 Number; Percent of investigations where specimens were tested for other viruses at PHL	2 (0–9) 27% (0%–100%) n=9	1 (0–3) 38% (0%–100%) n=7	1 (0–6) 29% (0%–100%) n=7
2c. Number; Percent of investigations where specimens were tested for pathogenic bacteria or their toxins, antigens, or antibodies at PHL	2 (0–13) 37% (0%–100%) n=10	9 (0–41) 72% (0%–100%) n=9	1 (0–6) 48% (0%–100%) n=7
2c.1 Number; Percent of investigations where specimens were tested using culture-based diagnostics at PHL	2 (0–13) 24% (0%–100%) n=10	9 (0–41) 56% (0%–100%) n=8	0 (0–1) 14% (0%–100%) n=7
2c.2 Number; Percent of investigations where clinical specimens were tested using non-culture-based diagnostics at PHL	1 (0–8) 26% (0%–100%) n=10	1 (0–3) 22% (0%–100%) n=8	0 (0–2) 29% (0%–100%) n=7
2d. Number; Percent of investigations where clinical specimens were tested for parasites at PHL	0 (0–1) 20% (0%–100%) n=10	2 (0–5) 34% (0%–100%) n=9	1 (0–6) 24% (0%–100%) n=7
3a. Number; Percent of foodborne or point-source investigations with exposure assessments conducted	3 (0–11) 54% (0%–100%) n=10	4 (1–17) 68% (13%–100%) n=9	1 (0–3) 15% (0%–100%) n=9
3b. Number; Percent of foodborne or point-source investigations where an analytic epidemiologic study was conducted	2 (0–7) 32% (0%–100%) n=10	3 (0–17) 30% (0%–100%) n=9	4 (0–37) 13% (0%–100%) n=9
4. Number; Percent of foodborne or point-source investigations with suspect vehicle/source identified	1 (0–4) 31% (0%–100%) n=10	3 (0–8) 49% (0%–100%) n=9	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=9
5. Number; Percent of foodborne or point-source investigations with confirmed vehicle/source identified	1 (0–7) 8% (0%–64%) n=10	3 (0–7) 44% (0%–100%) n=9	0 (0–3) 6% (0%–50%) n=9

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6. Number; Percent of foodborne or point-source investigations with identified source with:			
a. Exclusion of ill person(s)	1 (0–5) 19% (0%–100%) n=10	0 (0–1) 4% (0%–20%) n=9	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=9
b. Remediation or closure	1 (0–5) 19% (0%–100%) n=10	1 (0–5) 19% (0%–100%) n=9	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=9
c. Educational campaign	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=10	1 (0–6) 12% (0%–100%) n=9	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=8
d. Media/public messaging	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=10	1 (0–6) 18% (0%–100%) n=9	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=9
e. Regulatory action (recall, hold)	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=10	1 (0–6) 15% (0%–100%) n=9	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=9
7. Number; Percent of foodborne or point-source investigations linked to a common location where an on-site EHA was conducted	3 (0–11) 61% (0%–100%) n=10	2 (0–5) 57% (0%–100%) n=9	1 (0–5) 36% (0%–100%) n=9
8. Number; Percent of foodborne or point-source investigations where food or environmental sample(s) were collected for testing	0 (0–1) 1% (0%–9%) n=10	1 (0–5) 27% (0%–50%) n=9	0 (0–0) 0% (0%–0%) n=9
9. Number; Percent of foodborne or point-source investigations where environmental health partners were contacted	4 (0–11) 72% (0%–100%) n=10	3 (0–7) 57% (0%–100%) n=9	2 (0–6) 56% (0%–100%) n=9
10. Number; Percent of outbreaks with NORS forms completed	39 (0–137) 77% (0%–100%) n=10	6 (1–13) 75% (17%–100%) n=10	5 (0–27) 77% (0%–100%) n=10

All data are cumulative. Core performance metrics that are required for reporting are in bold.

*CDC FoodCORE centers reported on Year Ten (2020) cumulative metrics in 2021. Performance measures where n<10 may be indicative of limitations in reporting due to restricted staff capacity as state and local health departments prioritized activities related to COVID-19 response efforts.