

## Notes from the CDC report

- CDC has received the letter from CFP dated 8/7/2023 regarding materials for the Foodborne Illness Training Program Crosswalk Content. CDC has responded to the letter on 8/23/2023 with an email to Dr. McSwane having links to the appropriate content.
- The national INFORM conference is coming up on January 22-24, 2024 (<https://www.neha.org/inform>) in Washington, D.C. The deadline to submit abstracts is this Friday 8/25/2023.
- CDC has had a number of recent leadership changes.
  - CDC Director – Dr. Mandy Cohen has assumed the role of CDC Director (<https://www.cdc.gov/about/leadership/director.htm>). Dr. Cohen had previously been the North Carolina Health Secretary.
  - Principal Deputy Director – Dr. Nirav Shah is serving as the Principal Deputy Director (<https://www.cdc.gov/about/leadership/leaders/pdd.html>). Dr. Shah had previously served as the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - National Center for Environmental Health Director – Dr. Aaron Bernstein has assumed the role of the NCEH/ATSDR Director (<https://www.cdc.gov/about/leadership/leaders/nceh.html>). Dr. Bernstein had previously led the Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.
- Materials that may be of interest to CFP constituents
  - Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Surveillance Summary reporting on Foodborne Illness Outbreaks at Retail Food Establishments found that 40% of the reported outbreaks with an identified contributing factor were associated with food being contaminated by an ill or infectious food worker (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/ss/ss7206a1.htm>).
  - We have developed in conjunction with our EHS-Net partners a guide to assist our NEARS users in identifying root causes (<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/nears/root-causes-of-outbreaks.html>).