

A photograph of a person's hands holding a bunch of green leafy vegetables, likely spinach, in a field. The person is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt. The background shows a vast field of similar plants under a bright sky. The image is split vertically by a white diagonal line, with the text on the left side.

IOWA RRT UPDATE

FOOD PROTECTION TASK FORCE MEETING

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New Member

Say hello
to **Jack!**



Deliverables

2023 - 2026

Year 1

- Written Framework
 - Met expectations for the past 11 years
 - Retail enrollment and conformance with Standard 5 obtained, 2023
 - MFRPS enrollment and conformance with Standard 5 obtained, 2024
- IA RRT End of Year Report completed and submitted for review.
 - End of Year Report (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)
 - IA RRT is a level 2 RRT, exceeded the minimum of 11 expected goals by addressing a total of 19 goals

Year 1 Cont.

- Iowa RRT has entered a mentorship with Arkansas RRT. The first mentorship meeting was held on March 20, 2024.
- Iowa RRT invited AR RRT to observe the RAGBRAI 2024 ICS annual activation.
- AR RRT has been invited to observe Iowa's bi-weekly RRT meeting with our core partners to share updates and ongoing issues.
- Iowa RRT also attended the Arkansas Department of Health RRT Introductory Kickoff on February 29, 2024 and was introduced as AR RRT's mentor.



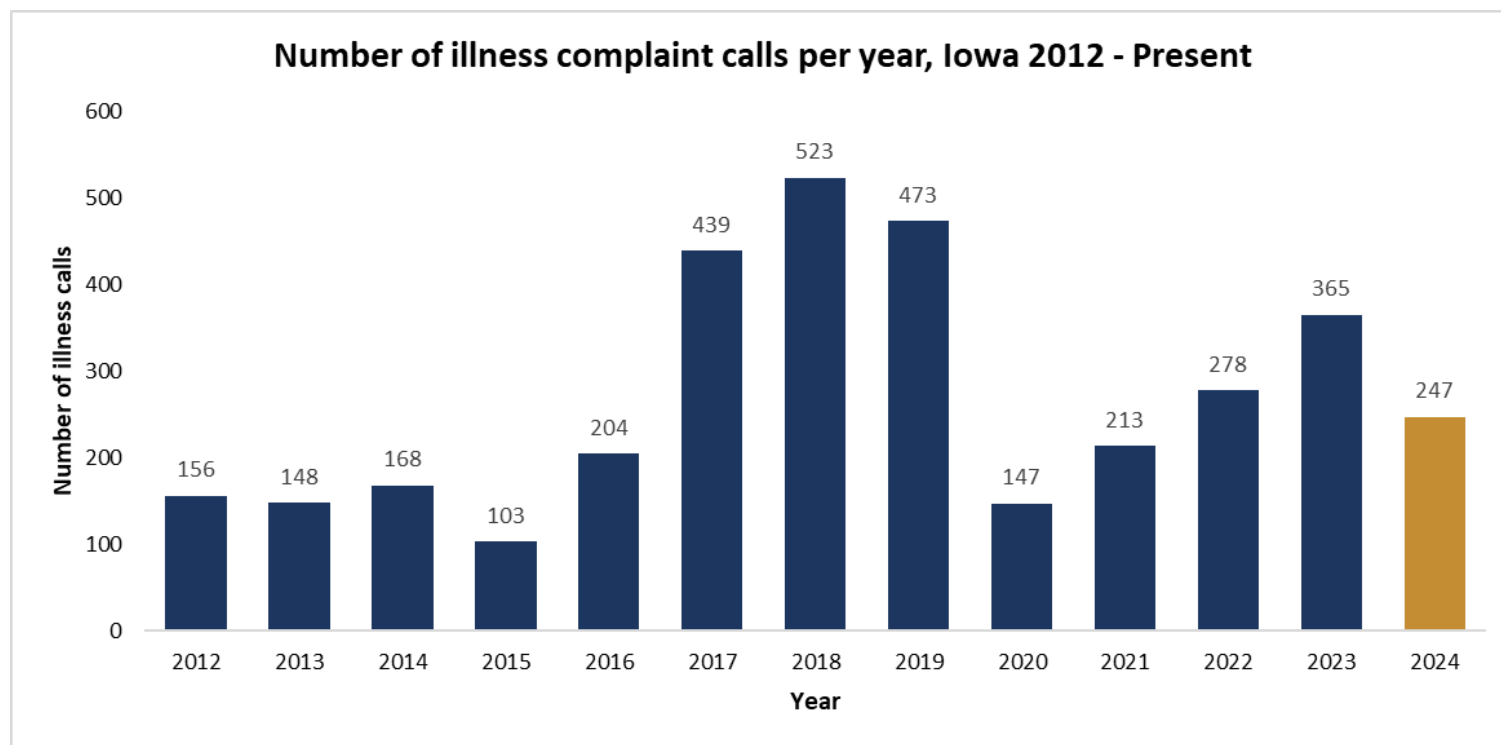
Year 2

- Conduct EA Team specific training, specifically a tabletop exercise on understanding the root cause of an outbreak and identifying contributing factors and environmental antecedents.
- Update the environmental assessment procedure for retail firms to use during outbreak investigations
- Train EA Team on enhanced investigation and interview techniques.
- Implement environmental assessment procedures for retail firms to use during outbreak investigations.
- Develop and implement an environmental assessment procedure for manufacture food facilities to use during outbreak investigations

Complaint Response

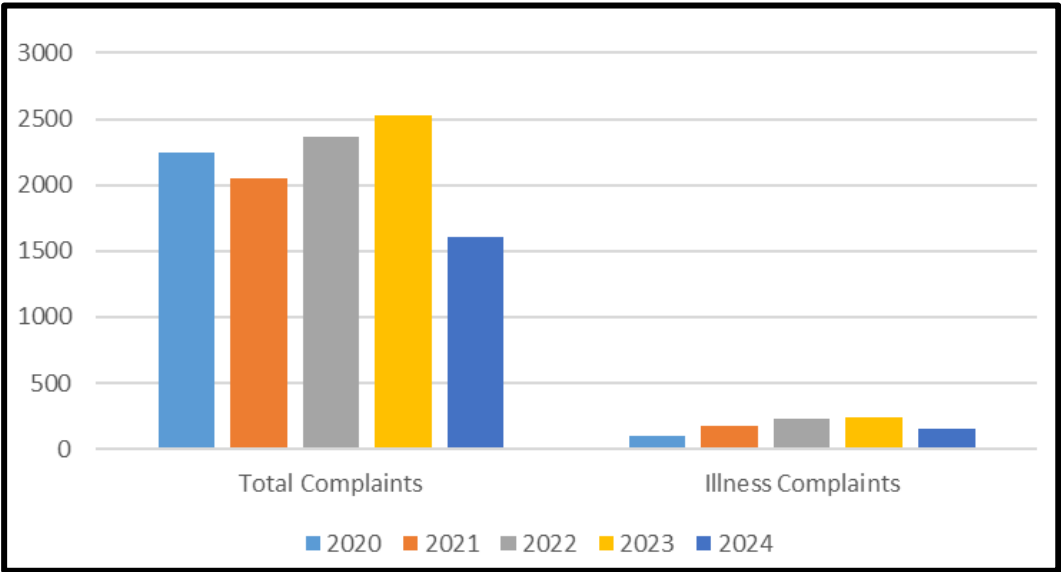
Illness Complaint – Iowa HHS

- Since the launch of the centralized complaint line in 2016, Iowa HHS has received over 2600 illness complaints and investigated over 200 outbreaks



Complaint - DIAL

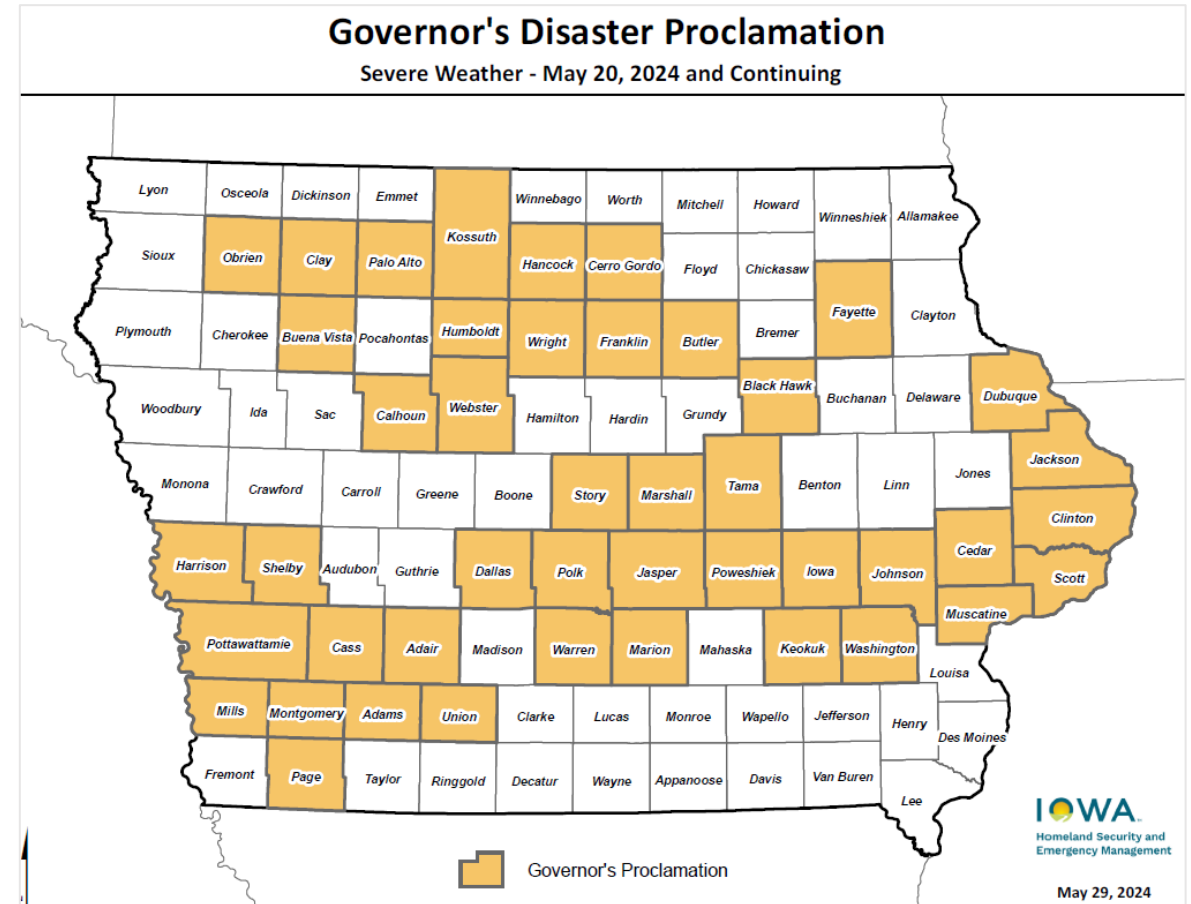
Year	Total Complaints	Illness Complaints	Environmental Assessment Conducted
2020	2243	94	6
2021	2054	178	21
2022	2370	230	15
2023	2532	244	28
2024	1610	157	11



ICS Activations

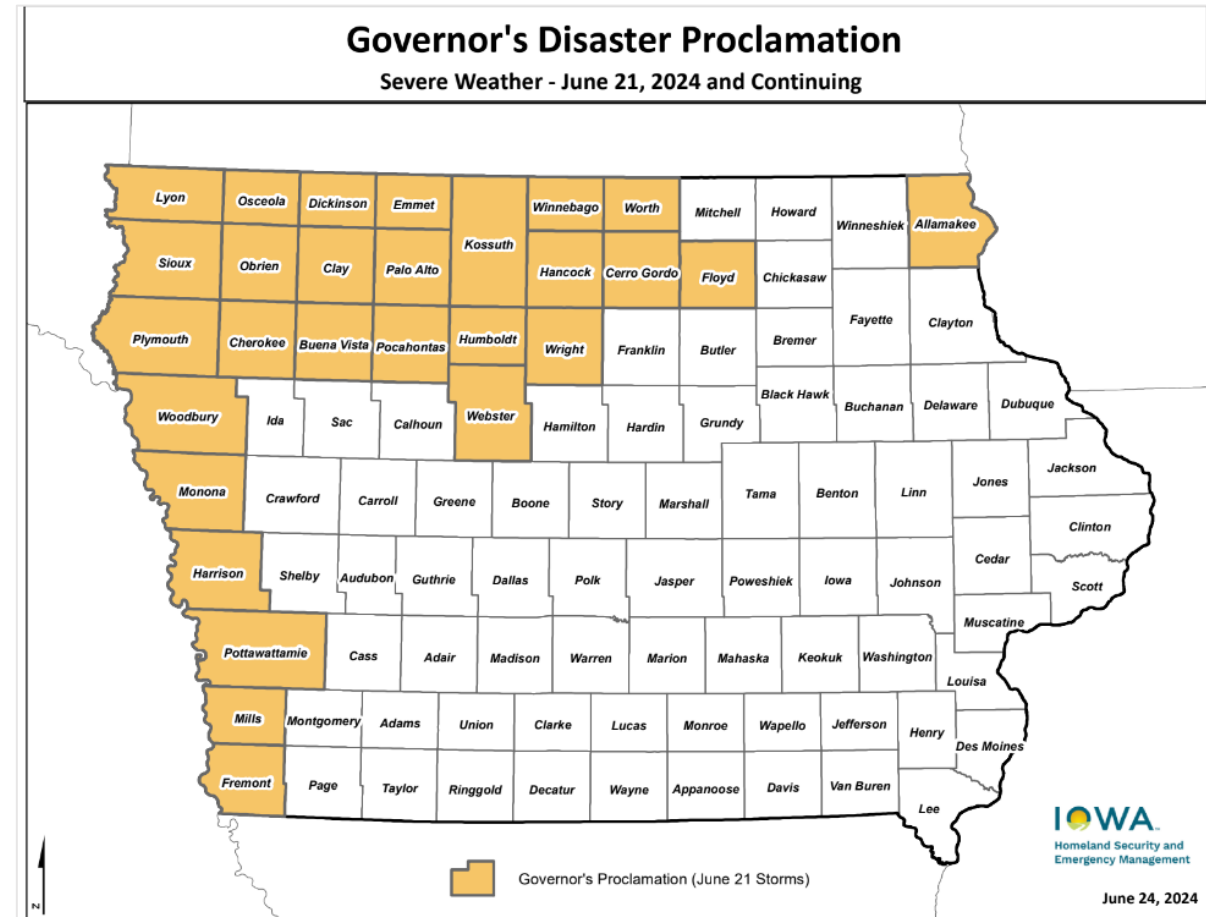
Storm Response

- Multi-storms, Derecho, tornado, flash flooding, and power outages
- Governor's Proclamation declared for 44 counties
- Activated between 5/22/24 through 5/31/24



Flood Response

- Heavy rainfall caused flooding in several counties in Northwest Iowa
- As this event progressed, counties along the Missouri River and surrounding impacted
- Governor Issued Disaster Proclamation
- Activated between June 22 – July 15, 2024





RAGBRAI Response

The IA RRT annual activation occurred between July 20-27, 2024 in response to the 2024 Iowa RAGBRAI, the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.



Procedural Updates

SOPS and Work Instructions

- Updated RRT Public Information Procedures
 - Formally known as the RRT Media Policy SOP updates
 - Purpose and Scope updated
 - Background added
 - Added Responsibility
 - Updated language in procedures

Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing Food Safety Bureau	
Title: RRT Public Information Procedures	
Effective Date: September 9, 2024	Pages: 3

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1. PURPOSE

This document describes the procedures for the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) Food Safety Bureau's release of foodborne illness outbreak investigation information and reports to the public, handling of media releases and other public communication activities.

2. SCOPE

This procedure addresses the release of public communication by Iowa Rapid Response Team (RRT) during foodborne illness outbreaks and other food related incidents. This procedure does not address open records requests from the public or media.

3. BACKGROUND

DIAL and Iowa HHS work together to issue information to the public about a human food product or food ingredient alleged to cause foodborne illness. Iowa HHS will provide information in regards to the epidemiological investigation. DIAL will provide information in regards to the environmental investigation.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

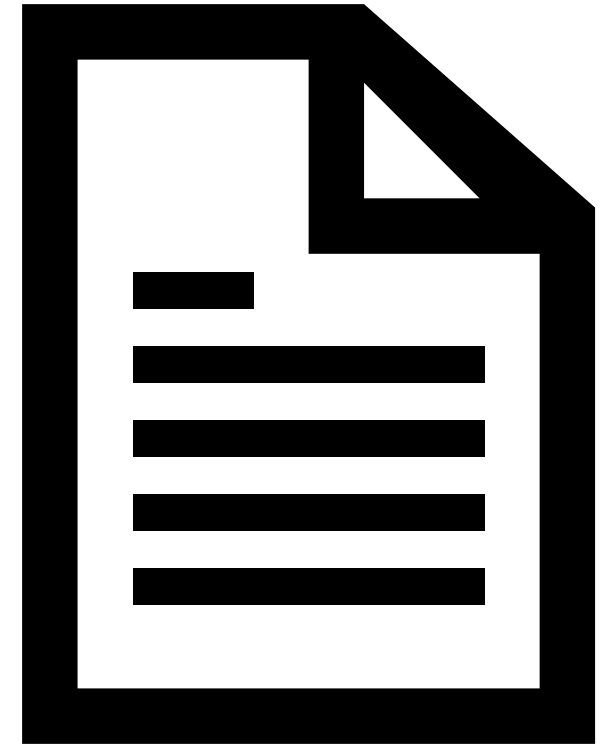
Bureau Chief- The Bureau Chief will review all policies and procedures that apply to DIAL administrative and general bureau functions and issue final approval of those policies and procedures.

Assistant Bureau Chief - The Assistant Bureau Chief will review and revise policies and procedures which apply to DIAL administrative and general bureau functions. They will serve as the designee for the Bureau Chief.

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AAR Templates and Surveys

- Partial activation response or exercises/trainings
 - Iowa RRT plans to conduct hot washes and/or AAR surveys to collect feedback regarding partial activation responses, exercises, or training
- AARs will continue to be completed for full activations
- Our intent is to create an agenda/checklist and survey that can be duplicated for partial activation responses to collect feedback from all participants to help improve future response activities



Training Plans

- ▶ ICS 300
- ▶ ICS 400
- ▶ ER 220
- ▶ ER 310
- ▶ ER 324
- ▶ ER 950, Incident Commander
- ▶ ER 967, Logistics Section Chief
- ▶ FDA Non-Public Information Sharing Training Module
- ▶ **EATS 101 and 102**





Upcoming Meetings

Nov 2024

- Midwest is Best: November 19-21, 2024, Minneapolis, MN

Feb 2025

- Central Regional InFORM: February 11-12, St. Louis, MO

Feb 2025

- Combined RRT & MFRPs Meeting: February 24 – 28, Virtual

Questions

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