2027 Integrated Foodborne Outbreak Response and Management (InFORM) West Regional Meeting

February 2-3, 2027 | Long Beach, CA

Agenda at a Glance

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Monday, February 1, 2027

3:00–6:00 PM	**Pre-Meeting Sessions**

Tuesday, February 2, 2027

7:00–5:00 PM	**Registration**
8:00–5:00 PM	**Program Tables Available**
8:00–8:30 AM	**Welcome**
8:30–10:00 AM	**Combined Session I: Moringa Outbreaks Panel**
10:00–10:30 AM	Break
10:30–12:00 PM	**Combined Session II: Outbreak Communications Panel**
12:00–1:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own
1:30–3:00 PM	**Roundtables, Training, and Demonstrations**
3:00–3:30 PM	Break
3:30–5:00 PM	**Roundtables, Training, and Demonstrations**

Wednesday, February 3, 2027

7:00–5:00 PM	**Registration**
8:00–12:00 PM	**Program Tables Available**
8:00–10:00 AM	**Epidemiology Session**
8:00–10:00 AM	**Laboratory Session**
8:00–10:00 AM	**Environmental Health Session**
10:00–10:30 AM	Break
10:30–12:00 PM	**Combined Session III: Cyclosporiasis Panel**
12:00–12:15 PM	**Closing**
12:00–1:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own
1:30–3:30 PM	**Post-Meeting Training**
3:30–3:45 PM	Break
3:45–5:00 PM	**Post-Meeting Training**

Pre- and Post-Meeting Session Descriptions

Long Beach, California | Main meeting: February 2–3, 2027

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Pre-meeting sessions

Monday, February 1, 2027 | Pacific Standard Time (PST)

SEDRIC 101 and Cyclospora Workshop Review

3:00–4:30 p.m.

This session will introduce and provide a high-level overview of the System for Enteric Disease Response, Investigation, and Coordination (SEDRIC). We will review a variety of SEDRIC activities and applications, including a demonstration of the modernized Cyclospora workshop in preparation for the next outbreak season. It's recommended that attendees are onboarded to SEDRIC/1CDP prior to the meeting. Please contact SEDRIC@cdc.gov for access.

Building Better Response Teams: How to Organize and Facilitate a Powerful CIFOR Toolkit Workshop

3:00–4:30 p.m.

The purpose of this workshop is to equip participants with the knowledge and confidence to effectively utilize the CIFOR Toolkit and to successfully facilitate a CIFOR Toolkit workshop within their own jurisdictions. Participants will engage with key pre-workshop materials and gain practical insights drawn from the experiences and best practices of jurisdictions that have recently implemented CIFOR Toolkit workshops, ensuring they leave prepared to lead meaningful, results-driven sessions.

PulseNet Lab Talk: Ask, Share & Solve Open Session

3:00–6:00 p.m.

Join an open forum for PulseNet laboratories to share questions, challenges, updates, and ideas related to PulseNet analysis and laboratory operations. Participants will have an opportunity to learn from one another, help identify issues and priorities, and share solutions across the PulseNet community.

Cyclospora Listening Session

5:00–6:00 p.m.

Led by CDC Cyclospora subject matter experts, this listening session is intended to facilitate structured conversation and collect feedback on the 2026 Cyclospora season, including state and local participants' experiences, concerns, and needs for the next outbreak season.

Post-meeting sessions

Wednesday, February 3, 2027 | Pacific Standard Time (PST)

SEDRIC Training: Non-Infectious Foodborne Outbreak Response (NIFOR)

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Powered by CDC's One CDC Data Platform (1CDP), the Non-Infectious Foodborne Outbreak Response (NIFOR) management system provides response teams with standardized processes and tools for collecting and sharing information during non-infectious foodborne outbreaks. The development of the NIFOR tool incorporated lessons learned from past non-infectious foodborne outbreaks, including severe illness associated with consumption of Diamond Shruumz products and lead and chromium contamination of applesauce pouches. This session will guide participants through a real-life non-infectious foodborne outbreak scenario while providing hands-on experience with the capabilities of the NIFOR tool. It's recommended that attendees are onboarded to SEDRIC/1CDP prior to the meeting. Please contact SEDRIC@cdc.gov for access.

SEDRIC Training: Foodborne Outbreaks

3:45–5:00 p.m.

Whether you are a new user or joining for a refresher, this training will cover all things SEDRIC—the System for Enteric Disease Response, Investigation, and Coordination. Participants will have the opportunity to explore various SEDRIC topic areas, including basic platform navigation, common uses for day-to-day surveillance and outbreak response, and advanced features and analytic tools for seasoned users. It's recommended that attendees are onboarded to SEDRIC/1CDP prior to the meeting. Please contact SEDRIC@cdc.gov for access.

PulseNet Into the Future — Building the PulseNet We Want for Tomorrow

1:30–5:00 p.m.

Take a trip to the future of PulseNet as laboratorians identify what is working today, what should change, and what PulseNet should look like in the years ahead. Through interactive activities and collaborative discussion, participants will look at 1) ways to improve PulseNet 2.0, 2) discuss changes to certification and proficiency testing, and 3) how to communicate with epidemiologists during cluster detection and outbreak response. The result of these discussions will help prioritize the innovations that can take PulseNet into the future.

NORS Training

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Designed for both new and experienced NORS users, this session will review fundamentals of outbreak reporting and take a closer look at using the new SEDRIC interface for NORS reporting. Participants will review NORS-specific features, explore ways to work with NORS data both in and out of SEDRIC, and have an opportunity to share feedback to further improve NORS reporting. It's recommended that attendees are onboarded to SEDRIC/1CDP

and NORS prior to the meeting. Please contact SEDRIC@cdc.gov for access.

NEARS Training

3:45–5:00 p.m.

This session will include a deep dive into NEARS on the SEDRIC Platform. It's recommended that attendees are onboarded to NEARS prior to the meeting so that we can review data entry together. Please contact NEARS@cdc.gov for access.