

The Field Guide is a tool for EH professionals to use when doing Environmental Assessments (EAs) during foodborne outbreak disease investigations. In these field guides, you will:

- Identify a Pathogen of Concern and find its associated Field Focus.
 - The Field Focus identifies the most common risk factors to investigate for each pathogen type.
 - Focusing on specific risk factors helps to guide the investigation to meaningful discoveries.
 - Not everything listed in the Field Focus column will be used during a given investigation.
 - *For example, if you are investigating a Salmonella outbreak associated with undercooked chicken – you will likely not need to investigate produce washing, but it could apply if cross contaminated spinach was identified.*
- Use the “Risk Factors & Interventions” column to identify issues to explore as identified by the Field Focus.
- Use the checklist in the “Remediation & Control Measures” column to consider when determining which Control Measures or Investigation Methods to use.
 - The “Moving Forward” section provides options to consider when the investigation is complete.
 - The “Communication” column is a checklist to ensure complete information sharing.

The Molluscan Shellfish Field Guide can be used in the same manner for shellfish-related outbreaks.