

TRRT LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OUTREACH

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What is a RRT?



- Rapid Response Team (RRT)
 - The Food Protection RRTs conduct integrated, multiagency responses to all-hazards food and feed emergencies in various states across the Nation.
- Multi-year cooperative
 - FDA
 - State food regulatory partners.
 - Local and regional partners

Texas Rapid Response Team (TRRT)

History

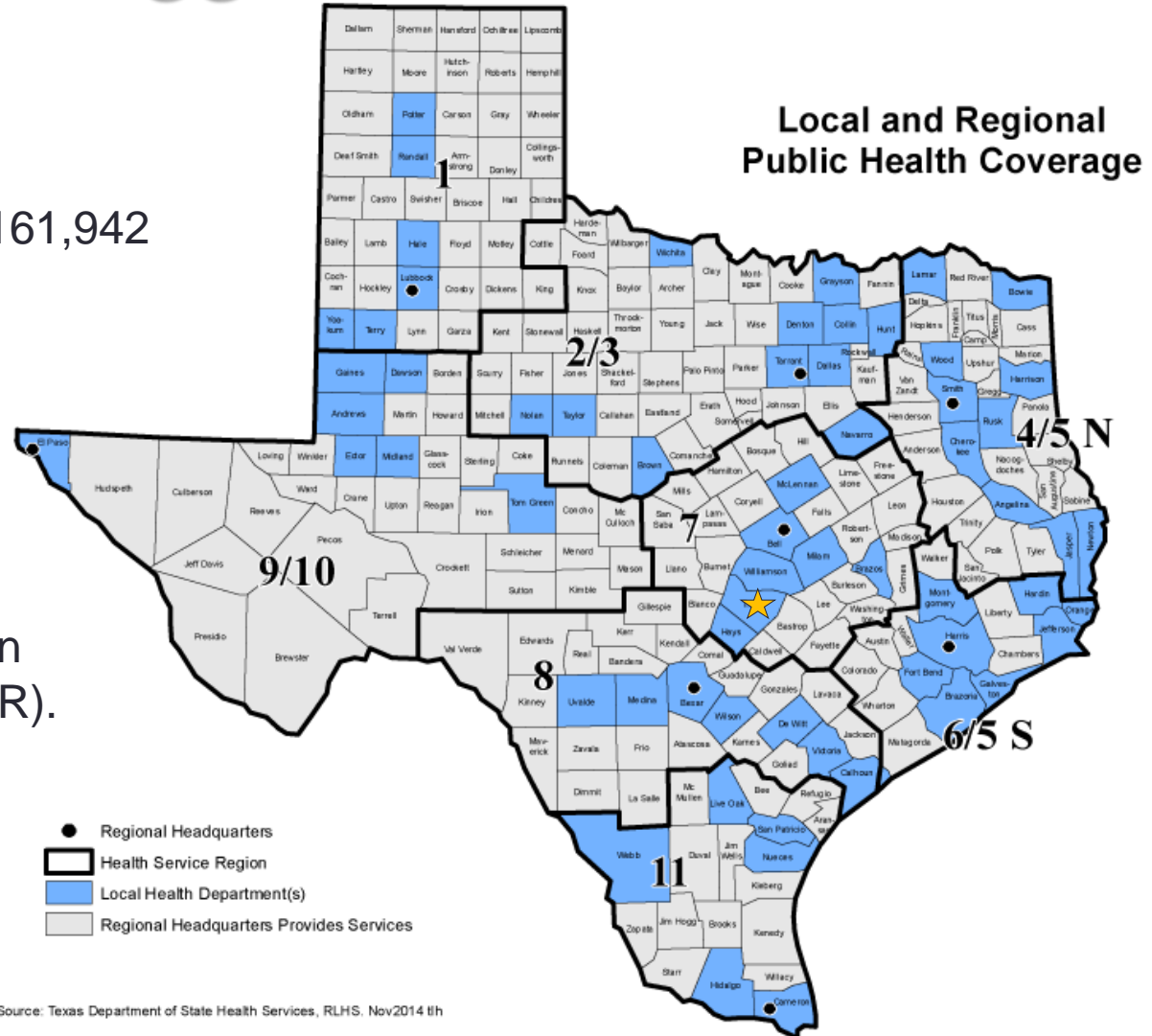
- In 2009, DSHS entered into an agreement with FDA to develop and implement a Rapid Response Team (RRT) to respond to food and/or feed emergencies.
 - Multi-agency team
 - Incident Command System (ICS) principles



Everything's bigger...

Area: 268,581 square miles
Population (2014 est.): 27,161,942

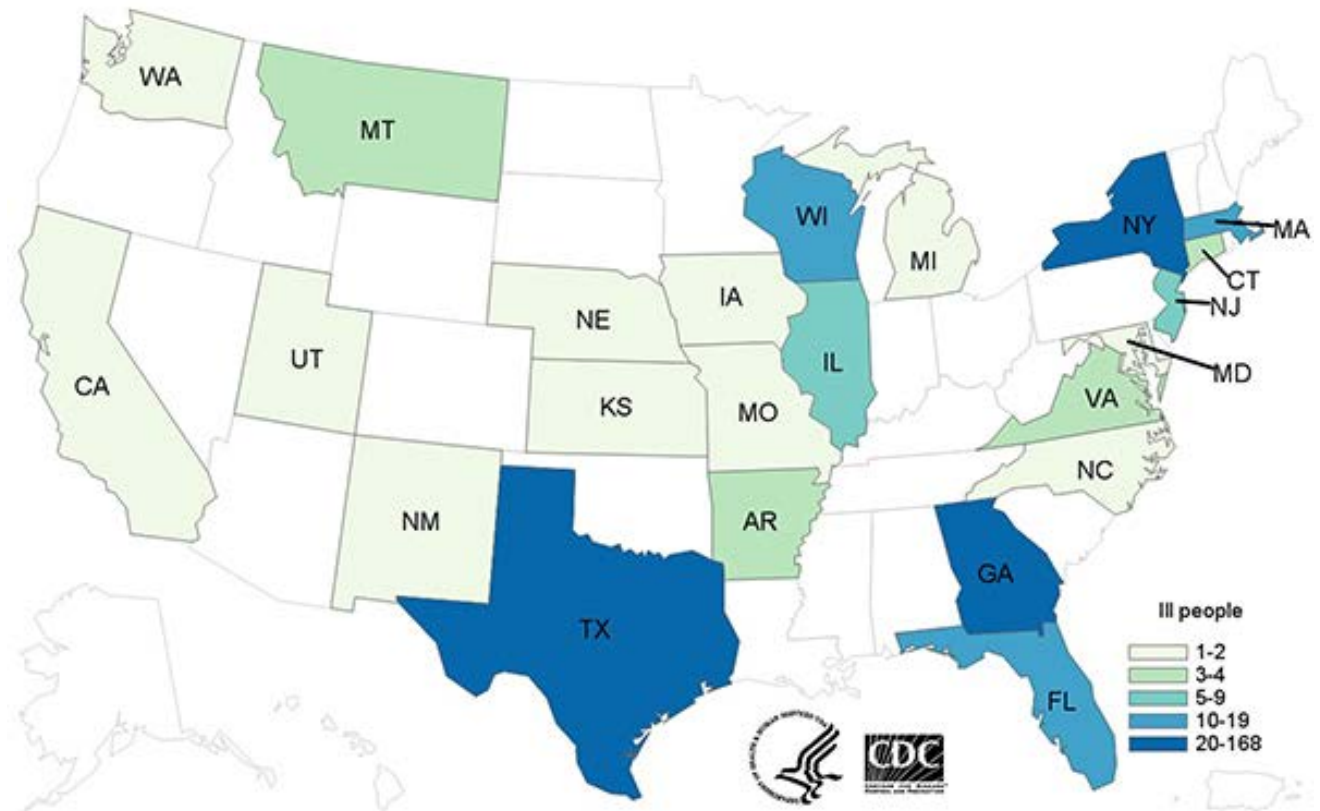
Texas has 254 counties.
They are grouped into eleven
Health Service Regions (HSR).



Cyclospora 2013 - 2015

- Improved communication
- How much better can we get for 2016?

- **2013**
 - 270 cases
- **2014**
 - 133 cases
- **2015**
 - 179 cases



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Past Local Outreach

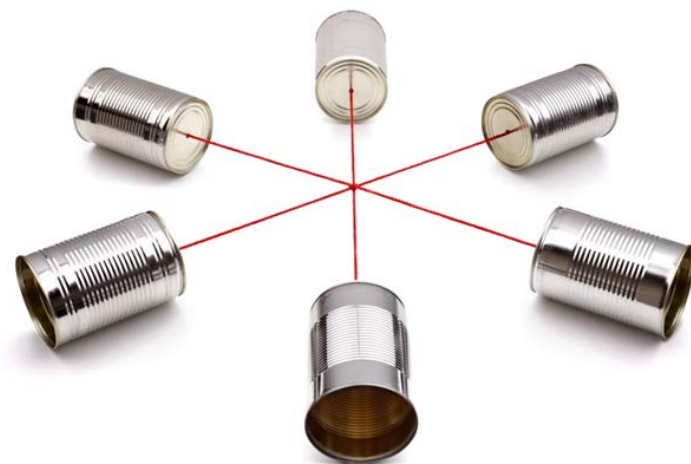
- 2014
 - Local Health Department Tabletop Exercise
 - “Operation Texas Size Plate”
 - Test communication procedures during an outbreak
 - Over 100 in attendance

- 2015
 - Held two ER 220 Traceback courses
 - How to collect, review, and submit traceback documents: timeline and flow diagram development
 - Attended by FDA, DSHS Regulatory, DSHS Epidemiology, and our Local and Regional partners.



Current Local Outreach Epi Communication

- Weekly calls
 - All Health Service Regions (HSRs) and Local Health Departments (LHDs) are invited
- Outbreak calls
 - Affected jurisdictions invited
 - Regulatory → TRRT → CDC/FDA/USDA
- Statewide Outbreak call
 - All HSRs and LHDs are invited



Current Local Outreach

- FoodSHIELD – Texas Rapid Response Team Partners Workgroup

The screenshot displays the FoodSHIELD website interface. At the top, the browser address bar shows the URL <https://www.foodshield.org/member/wor...>. The page header includes the FoodSHIELD logo and navigation options like 'My Groups', 'View All', 'Create', 'Invites 0', and 'Access Requests 0'. The main content area is titled 'Workgroups' and features a group for 'Texas Rapid Response Team Partners' with the tagline 'Sharing Information during a Foodborne Illness Outbreak'. The group is identified as a 'Private Workgroups (Closed Group)'. Below this, there are two activity sections: 'Latest Activity' and 'Upcoming Activity'. The 'Latest Activity' section shows a post from Catherine Thibodaux on 10/20/15, including two documents: 'Part 1-Creating the Rapid Response Road Map_ C...pdf' and 'Part 2-Where the Rubber Meets the Road_ RRTs in Action - Food Safety Magazine.pdf'. Another activity from 10/10/15 shows John Tilden accepting an invitation. The 'Upcoming Activity' section indicates 'No upcoming meetings scheduled.' A 'Workgroup Apps' section lists various tools like Documents, Meetings, Communications, About, Members, Video Gallery, and Admin. A vertical 'chat' button is visible on the right side of the page.

Future Local Outreach - 2016

- ER 220 Traceback course will be held in Dallas
 - A notice was issued to Locals and Regions determining interest in attending
- Webinar/Exercise with LHDs and HSRs about using FoodSHIELD and uploading records
 - In response to After Action reports
- Possible follow-up with regional meetings
 - Introduce use of 20.88 agreement

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