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Great Lakes Border Health Initiative Food Protection and Defense Subcommittee

The Food Protection and Defense Subcommittee was created in 2007 in response to an increasing number of foodborne illnesses present in the United States and Canada, and subsequently had its Terms of Reference approved by the GLBHI Steering Committee.

This group's current focus is to grow relationships and facilitate communication between the GLBHI member states and Ontario's health, food and agriculture organization, which are critical in the event of a cross-border foodborne illness outbreak. To support this venture, the Food Protection and Defense Subcommittee has compiled a list of contact information for key individuals from the local, state, provincial and federal level who are involved in ensuring a safe food supply in Canada and the United States.

The Food Protection and Defense Subcommittee meets monthly to bi-monthly via teleconference and once yearly, in person, at the GLBHI annual conference.

The 2011 Food Protection and Defense Subcommittee is co-chaired by Carrie Rigdon of Minnesota and Louise Sharpe of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Useful Links:

[Agency Responsibilities for Food Illness In Michigan](#)

[About Health Canada](#)

[Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(CFIA\) – Emergency Response Program](#)

[Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(CFIA\) – Food Recall & Emergency Response](#)

[Niagara Region Public Health Department \(Ontario\) – Food Safety Program](#)

[Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – Food Safety Programming In Ontario](#)

[Ontario Foodborne Health Hazard and Illness Outbreak Investigations MOU](#)