# Challenges and Resources for Cluster Investigation

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# Initial Notification: 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of March, 2011

• Communicable Disease Team nurses notified me that they had investigated a couple of cases of Salmonella in the last few weeks.

## Initial reaction

They're making me work!

# Begin Investigation

- Reviewed all charts of recent Salmonella cases
- Created a line list
- Looked for commonality

# Line List

What would your columns in the line list be?

## Line list

- Name
- Age
- Sex
- County
- KY EPHRS Investigation Id
- Address
- Date of Onset
- Serogrouping

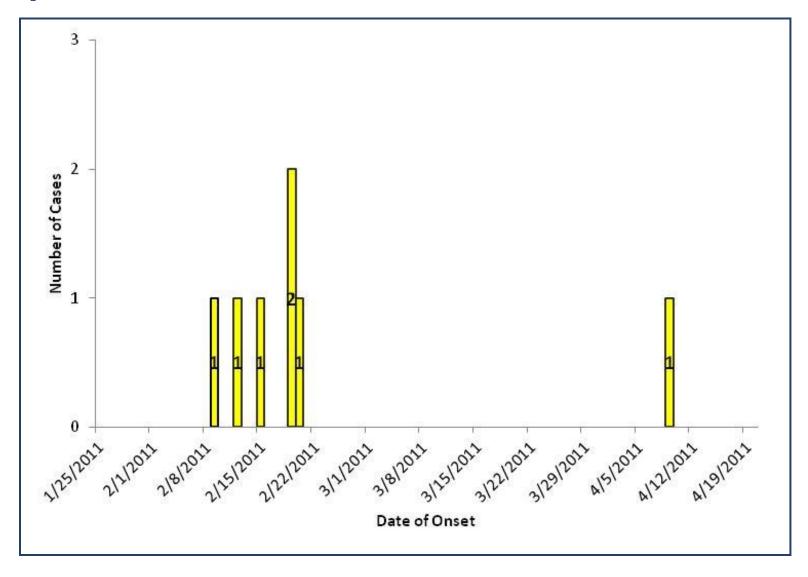
# Line List (Edited)

County	Investigation #	Date of Onset	Serogrouping/Grouping
Hart	000087693	2/9/2011	Enteritidis Group D
Hart	000087954	2/15/2011	Enteritidis Group D
Hart	000087900	2/19/2011	Enteritidis Group D
Hart	000087854	2/13/2011	Enteritidis Group D
Hart	000086877	12/19/2010	Enteritidis Group D
Barren	000087845	2/19/2011	Enteritidis Group D
Barren	000087728	2/12/2011	Enteritidis Group D
Hart	000088252	2/20/2011	

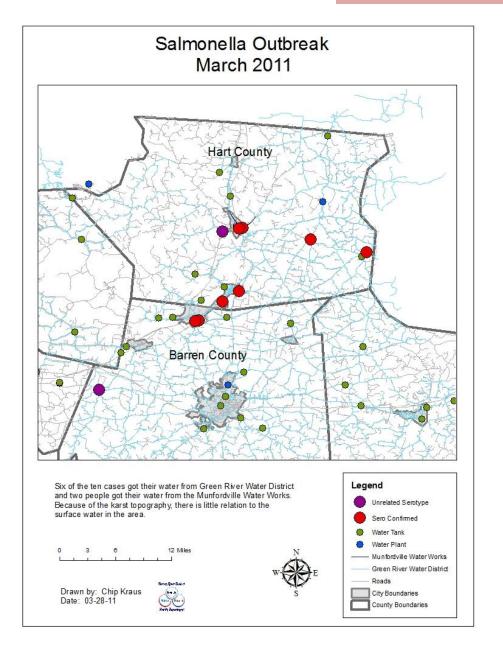
# Epi Curve

What about HISTOGRAM?

## Epi Curve

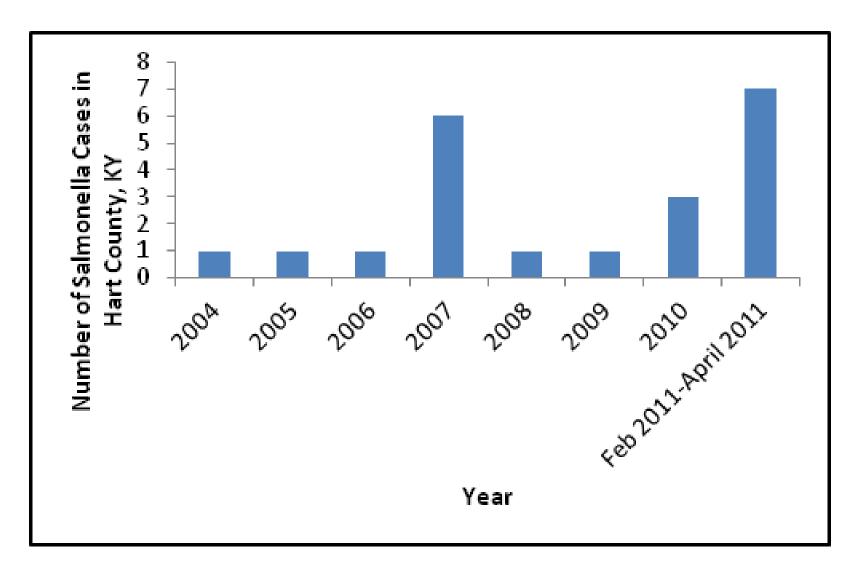


# **GIS Map**

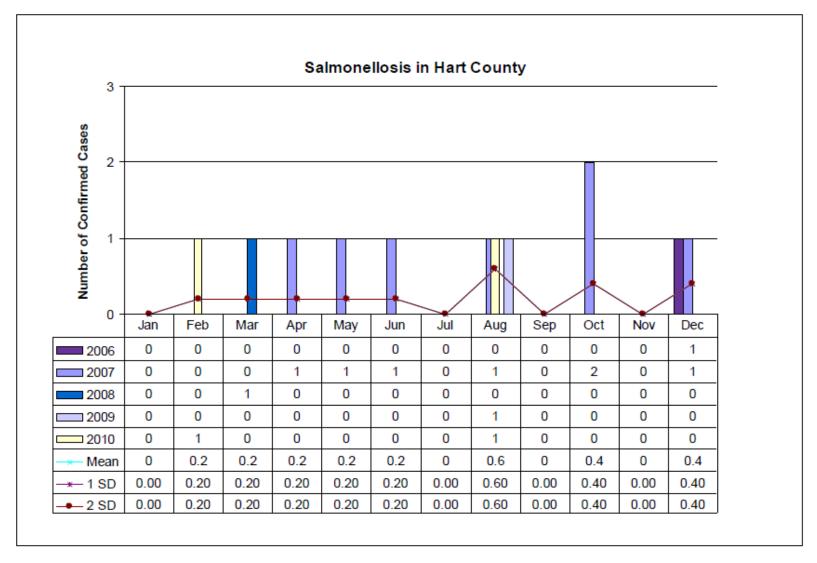


# Baseline Data for Reportable Diseases

## Baseline Data (simple)



# Baseline Data (detailed)



# E-mailed Division of Epidemiology, KY DPH: March 29, 2011

# Initial Response: March 29,2011

- No unusual increase in your district
- An increase in enteric diseases this year in KY
- Salmonella Enteritidis is one of the most common serotypes, it is possible they would not be a PFGE match
- Lab scientists in the PFGE lab at DLS will alert us if they see a match

## KY DPH e-mail: March 30, 2011

- S. Enteritidis outbreak in Barren River and Lincoln Trail District
- Currently have 6 cases that are a match to a national cluster reported by Wisconsin
- PFGE lab reports this as being a rare
   S. Enteritidis pattern
- IL and WI epidemiologists are investigating a cluster of 3 *S*. Enteritidis isolates that may be linked to Guinea pig exposure

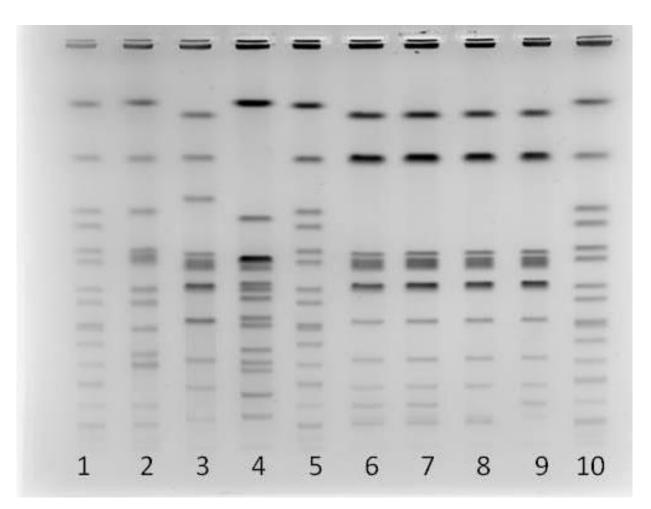
# KY DPH e-mail: April 5, 2011

- Discussion with CDC epi-contact for this cluster
  - They have closed the investigation at this point unless new cases develop.
  - The 6 KY cases that matched were an xbal-pattern match which is the 1<sup>st</sup> enzyme for PFGE
  - They are only looking at the blnl-pattern matched cases which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> enzyme for PFGE, CDC is not considering ours to be a match.
  - DLS PFGE lab only performs 2<sup>nd</sup> enzyme testing when it is requested by CDC.

# Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis: PFGE

- Serotyping analysis
- Transfer to PFGE lab for PFGE process
- Image captured using a Bio-Rad Gel Doc XR imaging system
- Resulting image is analyzed using BioNumerics software and uploaded to **PulseNet**
- CDC then assigns a PFGE Pattern & Cluster Code
- The whole process, from receipt of samples in Bacteriology to final image upload to PulseNet takes about **10 days**

# Image of PFGE



DLS identified 8 cases (5 in Hart, 2 in Barren and 1 in Laure County) of Salmonella Enteritidis with PFGE pattern **JEGX01.0021** and cluster code **1012WIJEG-1** in April 2011

(Isolates 6 and 7 are a match)

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#### PULSE

#### of Warren County

A weekly update of reportable diseases from the Barren River District Health Department By Sri Seshadri, MPH

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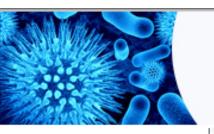
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### Communicate with Healthcare Providers



# EPI Report

#### Communicable Disease Reports for Barren River District

06/29/12

06/22/12

06/15/12

06/08/12 06/01/12

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Final 2011 Report-Revised 03/30/2012

Final 2010 Report-03/18/11

Final 2009 Report-Revised 08/02/10

Final 2008 Report

Final 2007 Report

Final 2006 Report

Final 2005 Report Final 2004 Report

Historic Baseline Data for Reportable Diseases

Questions? Contact Srihari Seshadri, BRDHD Epidemiologist

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# YTD Epi Report (updated weekly)

2011 Year to Date Report of Reportable Disease-Region 4 - Srihari Seshadri, Regional Epidemiologist, (270) 781-8039 ext 164

January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

Name of the Disease	Allen	Barren	Butler	Edmonson	Hart	Logan	Metcalfe	Monroe	Simpson	Warren	Total
Campylobacteriosis	3		1		3		2		2	12	23
Cryptosporidiosis				1		2		1		1	5
Ehrlichia chaffeensis (HME)		1	1	1	1					1	5
Group A Streptococcal Infection, Invasive			1							1	2
Haemophilus influenzae, invasive disease						1				3	4
Hepatitis A										1	1
Hepatitis B, acute		1	1					1		4	7
Hepatitis C, acute		1	1		1			1	1	3	8
Histopiasmosis	1	2				1		1	1	2	8
Influenza A H1N1			3							1	4
Influenza Isolates	2	1				1					4
Legionellosis		3							1	3	7
Listeriosis										1	1
Pertussis		4		1							5
Rabies, Animai					1					1	2
Rabies, post exposure Prophylaxis		2	1	1	6	1			5	5	21
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever										1	1
Salmonellosis	1	9	2	1	9	4		5	4	11	46
Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC)	2	2		1							5
Shigeliosis										1	1
Streptococcus Pneumoniae Invasive disease	1									4	5
Unusual/ Other									1		1
Total	10	26	11	6	21	10	2	9	15	56	166

### Poster Presentation: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual OutBreak Net Conference: Long Beach, CA

#### Outbreak Investigation of Human Salmonella Enteritidis Infection:

Using Geographic Information System (GIS) and Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) Uploaded to PulseNet

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Barren River District Health Department

#### Introduction



The Barren River District Health Department (BRDHD) serves an eight county area in South Central Kentucky. Through an active partnership with local medical providers, the BRDHD Communicable Disease Team (CD Team) is able to maintain a baseline for reportable diseases. This

investigation was conducted in Hart County, a rural farming community with a population of 18,199.

For February, 2011 six cases of Human Salmonella Enteritidis were confirmed. With accurate baseline data, we were able to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) to confirm an outbreak.

#### Geographic Area





Barren River Health District

#### Methods and Materials

The BRDHD Epidemiologist maintains a reportable disease database for our health district in order to identify any unusual situations. As part of our routine investigation the CD Team reviewed medical records of confirmed cases and conducted telephone interviews. The information was tabulated into Excel and analyzed using Epi Info. We used ESRI's ArcView 9.3 GIS software to compare case locations with natural and manmade ground features including surface water, water treatment plants, waterlines, etc. PFGE lab testing was performed by the Kentucky Division of Laboratory Services.

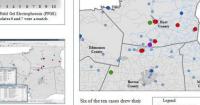
#### Results

This outbreak was initially identified as a typical cluster, but after GIS analysis revealed geographic proximity of the cases, further analysis was performed. The Kentucky Division of Laboratory Services identified eight cases of Salmonella Enteritidis with a Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) pattern matching the xbal-pattern. Five cases were in Hart County,

> two in Barren County and one in Laure County, which borders Hart County.

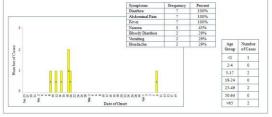
Salmonella Enteritidis Outbreak in Hart County Kentucky







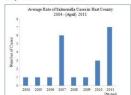




#### Conclusion

This situation illustrates the importance of local health departments maintaining epidemiology capability, establishing baseline data on all reportable diseases, and working closely with their state lab.

Tools like GIS and PFGE can be used to identify relationships that are often overlooked. Disease investigators should correlate epidemiological investigation with laboratory findings and modern technology to assure a thorough investigation.



#### References

PFGE from Kentucky Division of Laboratory Services Kentucky Reportable Disease Desk Reference Arial photography from Google Maps

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# Oral Presentation: 64<sup>th</sup> Annual KPHA Conference: Louisville, KY

March 27-30, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Louisville, KY

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# A New Outbreak Investigation January-February 2012

Monroe County

# Email to KY DPH on 1/27/12 (Friday)

Age	Sex	Date of Specimen collection	Specimen Source	Collected at	Remarks	Local ID
8	F	1/23/2012	Stool	T.J. Samson Community Hosp	Isolate sent to KY State Lab for confirmation	OBS10204571KY01
32	M	1/23/2012	Blood	T.J. Samson Community Hosp	Isolate sent to KY State Lab for confirmation	OBS10204593KY01
40	F	1/20/2012	Stool	Monroe County Medical Center	Presumptive positive for Salmonella - sent to State Lab to confirm. This isolate (or specimen) was referred to your public health laboratory for additional testing and/or confirmation.	OBS10205034KY01

## KY DPH to PFGE Lab (1/27/12)

Positively identified 3 cases. Please initiate
 PFGE analysis asap to determine if these cases are a match due to potential outbreak

# We did not wait for Serotyping

- Discussion with Monroe Co. HD nurses:
  - Stressed the importance of completing the KY
     DPH Enteric Disease Investigation Form
  - Encouraged them to ask questions related to travel, eating out (document name and location); parties, church activities etc.

## Serotype Identified: January 31, 2012

• Serotype for the 2 specimens received by our DLS: **Salmonella** Enteritidis.

# Monroe Co. HD Nurses findings: January 31, 2012

- There were 2 cases that had eaten at the same restaurant 5 days prior to illness.
- The restaurant opened about a month ago and most everyone has been trying it out; it is packed pretty much every day.

### Mexican Restaurant of Interest

- Environmental Inspection and follow up
  - New restaurant
  - Owner resident of TN
  - Fresh produce procured from TN and delivered every Wednesday.
  - They purchase fresh onion, tomato, avocado, jalapeno, pepper, lettuce, lemons, cilantro and pinto beans from this company

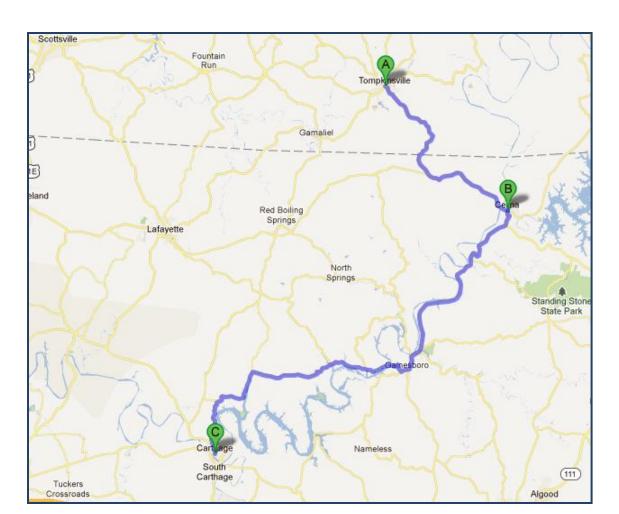
# Monroe Co. HD Nurses findings: February 2, 2012

- Nurse interviewed the 5<sup>th</sup> suspected case: nothing suspicious and no connections with the other cases
- This client had only eaten at home
- A lot of talk about a "virus" going around, spoken to others that had similar symptoms but did not seek medical care
- The commonalities are chicken, lettuce, tomato, etc. but the grocery store varied with each of them

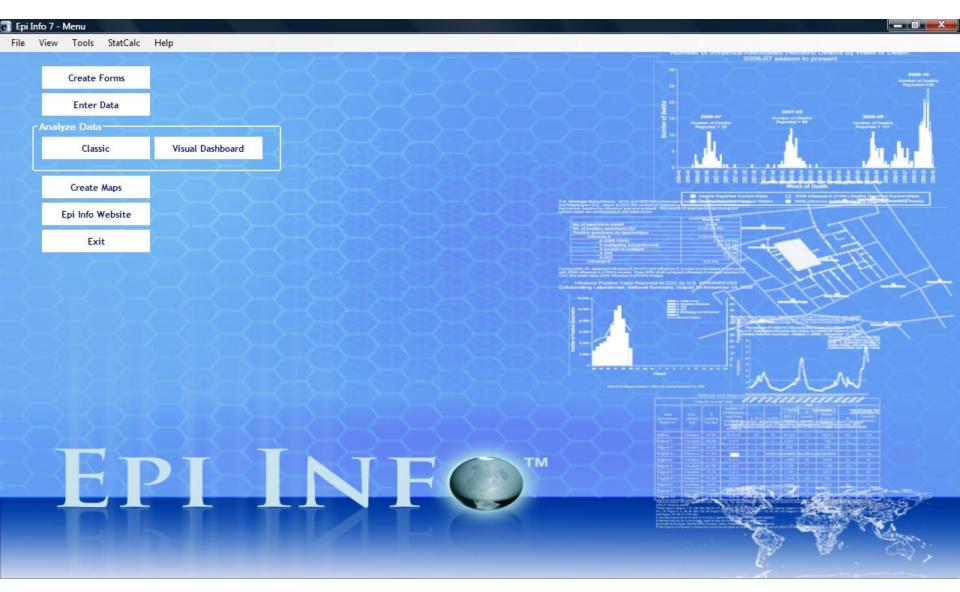
# Feedback from KY & AL PFGE lab: Feb 3, 2012 (Friday)

- KY PFGE Lab: 2 of them are 100% match
- AL PFGE Lab:
  - The isolate is an Enteritidis and is a 100% match to pattern **JEGX01.0005** in AL database.
  - The isolate from Celina, TN has the same pattern

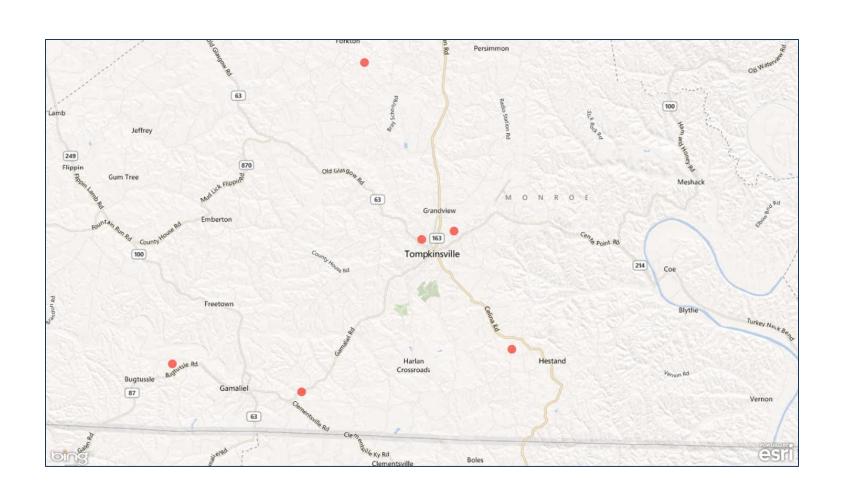
# Is Celina, TN close to cases in KY?



## EPI INFO 7



#### Case Cluster Map from EPI INFO 7



# TN Dept. of Health Notified by KY DPH: February 3, 2012 (Friday)

Outbreaks almost always happen on Friday afternoon...

# KY Food Safety Branch Notified: February 6, 2012 (Monday)

... or sometimes, first thing Monday morning.

## Feedback from TN Dept. of Health: February 6, 2012 (Monday)

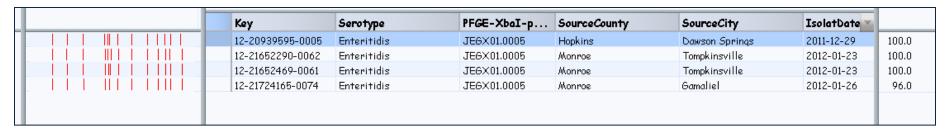
- S. Enteritidis 0005 is a common pattern in TN
- Since January 1<sup>st</sup> they had 3 cases with SE 0005.
- The cases are from
  - Davidson Co (Nashville)
  - Lincoln Co. (Fayetteville)
  - Shelby Co. (Memphis)
- Two of the three cases have been interviewed, and neither case mentioned eating at a Mexican restaurant

## Increase in Salmonella cases in Barren County: Mid Feb 2012

Monroe County cases had consumed food in Barren County Restaurant

#### **Epidemiology in Action**

The three Salmonella isolates that have been pulsed are a CDC confirmed Match, additionally these isolates are a <u>match to an isolate from Hopkins County</u>. This has been reported as a cluster to Pulsenet/CDC, as there is no national increase at this time it has been <u>deemed local to KY</u>. We are continuing to monitor, <u>if the 3 other isolates match these</u>, the <u>status may change</u>.



Ke	y	Serotype	PFGE-XbaI-p	SourceCounty	SourceCity	IsolatDate 💌		
→ 12-	-21652290-0062	Enteritidis	JE6×01.0005	Monroe	Tompkinsville	2012-01-23		
<b>→</b> 12-	-21652469-0061	Enteritidis	JE6×01.0005	Monroe	Tompkinsville	2012-01-23		
→ 12-	-21724165-0074	Enteritidis	JE6X01.0005	Monroe	Gamaliel	2012-01-26		
→ 12-	-21962939-0101	Enteritidis	JE6X01.0034	Barren	Glasgow	2012-02-01		

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PFGE-XbaI 57.27% 60 70 80 90 100			Key	Serotype	PFGE-XbaI-p	Outbreak	Sour	SourceCity	IsolatDate 💌
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	<b>) (</b>	<b>+</b>	11-19004182-0956	Thompson			Barren	Glasgow	2011-10-17
		<b>+</b>	11-12888423-0160	Montevideo	JIXX01.0043		Barren	Smiths Grove	2011-03-28
		<b>→</b>	11-15914322-0500	Urbana			Barren	Glasgow	2011-07-06
		<b>→</b>	11-16803527-06	Typhimurium	JPXX01.0919		Barren	Glasgow	2011-08-08
		<b>→</b>	12-21962939-0101	Enteritidis	JE6X01.0034		Barren	Glasgow	2012-02-01
		<b>→</b>	11-11613839-0078	Enteritidis	JE6X01.0021	1012WIJE6-1	Barren	Cave City	2011-02-14
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		<b>+</b>	11-16098027-05	Enteritidis	JE6X01.0004		Barren	Cave City	2011-07-14
		<b>→</b>	11-18122524-0812	Agona	JABX01.0056		Barren	Glasgow	2011-09-15

#### Friday, February 24, 2012

• Notified by Minnesota DPH coincidentally they have a chicken breast isolate that matches Barren County's *S. Enteritidis* pattern JEGX01.0034

#### March 9, 2012

				Date of				
County	Age	Sex	Date of Onset	Collection	Hospitalized	Serogroup	PFGE pattern	Lab
Monroe	8	F	1/20/2012	1/23/2012	No	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	JEGX01.0005	KSPHL
Monroe	40	F	1/20/2012	1/20/2012	Yes	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	JEGX01.0005	Lab Corp
Monroe	32	М	1/17/2012	1/23/2012	Yes	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	JEGX01.0005	KSPHL
Monroe	3	М	1/25/2012	1/26/2012	Yes	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	JEGX01.0005	KSPHL
Monroe	63	F	1/21/2012	1/28/2012	No	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	?	Lab Corp
Monroe	26	F	1/17/2012		No	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	?	LabCorp
Barren	60	F	2/4/2012	2/6/2012	Yes	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	JEGX01.0034	KSPHL
Barren	19	М		2/1/2012	No	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	JEGX01.0034	KSPHL
Barren	33	F	1/31/2012	2/5/2012	No	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	JEGX01.0004	KSPHL
Simpson	62	F	2/2/2012	2/5/2012	Yes	Salmonella Enteritidis Group D	JEGX01.0004	KSPHL
Hart	70	М		2/20/2012	Unknown	Pending	Pending	Lab Corp
Barren	6 months	М	2/7/2012	2/8/2012	Yes	Salmonella-Newport Group C2	JJPX01. 0689	KSPHL

### Conclusions & Recommendations/ Acknowledgements

#### Conclusion

- Routine Public Health Surveillance was key
- With the help of tools like GIS and PFGE we were able to conclude it was an outbreak
- This also illustrates the importance of LHDs maintaining epi capability and working closely with Reportable Disease Section and State lab.

#### Take home messages

- Maintain accurate baseline data.
- Anything above baseline generally needs further investigation.
- Modern technology can be useful during outbreak investigations (but don't totally rely on them).
- Disease investigators need to correlate epi investigative findings with lab findings.
- Communication is important before, during and after an outbreak.

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