

Instructions for Printing Outbreak Scenario Cards:

1. Print pages 2-14 of this document
 - This document contains 4 scenarios for each outbreak.
 - To determine the number of copies needed, divide the number of participants in the course by 4.
 - E.g. 28 students in course \div 4 scenarios/outbreak/document = 7 copies of document
2. Cut each page in half and place the backsides of each half of paper together prior to laminating.
 - E.g. **OUTBREAK 1 – Interviewee (no. 1)** and **OUTBREAK 1 - Interviewee “Asks a lot of questions”** should form one Outbreak Scenario Card
3. Laminate each card

OUTBREAK 1 – Interviewee (no. 1)

OUTBREAK 1 - Interviewee “Asks a lot of questions”: Someone at the Public Health Department has called to ask you questions about John and Sally Brown’s wedding. A number of people from the wedding are ill and they are trying to determine what caused their illness. You had heard from another cousin that Jim, the bride’s father, and Sally, the bride, were ill but you had not heard about other illnesses. You want to know all the details. Who else was ill? How many people? How do you know they have the same thing? What is the Public Health Department doing to track down what caused their illnesses? Have they tested the food at the restaurant? Have there been other weddings with illnesses linked to this restaurant? You have lots of questions, but hopefully the interviewer will be able to focus your attention on answering a few of theirs instead. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!].

OUTBREAK 1 – Interviewee (no. 2)

OUTBREAK 1 - Interviewee “Worried about becoming ill”:

Someone at the Public Health Department has called to ask you questions about John and Sally Brown's wedding. A number of people from the wedding are ill and they are trying to determine what caused their illnesses. You are a distant relative. You have not heard anything about the outbreak but it turns out that you were also ill after the wedding with gastrointestinal symptoms. This is very concerning. Is this a serious illness? You still don't feel 100% yet. Should you go to your doctor? You have young children in the household. Could they have been exposed to this bug? Your son did sneeze more than usual yesterday. Hopefully, the interviewer can reassure you so that you can focus on answering their questionnaire. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!].

OUTBREAK 1 – Interviewee (no. 3)

OUTBREAK 1 - Interviewee “Very angry at the restaurant”:

Someone at the Public Health Department has called to ask you questions about John and Sally Brown’s wedding. A number of people from the wedding are ill and they are trying to determine what caused their illnesses. You have heard about the outbreak and you are furious. This restaurant ruined their beautiful wedding. Surely the illnesses are linked to the food served by the restaurant and they should take some responsibility. Perhaps they should bring a lawsuit against the restaurant. Does the person from the Public Health Department know if lawsuits against restaurants are generally successful? Can they recommend a lawyer? Hopefully, the interviewer can get you focused on answering the questionnaire. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!].

OUTBREAK 1 – Interviewee (no. 4)

OUTBREAK 1 - Interviewee “Wants to tell you all about the wedding”: Someone at the Public Health Department has called to ask you questions about John and Sally Brown’s wedding. A number of people from the wedding are ill and they are trying to determine what caused their illnesses. You feel terrible that this has happened. It was such a beautiful wedding. You want to tell the interviewer all about the wedding and about John and Sally (who are such a good match!). Hopefully, the interviewer can get you focused on answering the questionnaire. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!].

OUTBREAK 2 – Interviewee (no. 1)

OUTBREAK 2 - Interviewee “How did you get my number?”: Someone claiming to be from the Public Health Department has called to ask you questions about your attendance at the National Western Stock show. They inform you that there were some illnesses among attendees which may be linked to the stock show. You attended the stock show on Jan. 17 with your two young boys, aged 2 and 5 years. You spent a couple of hours there. Most of this time was spent in the petting zoo area. No one became sick after the event. You have not heard about an outbreak being linked to the stock show and you want to know how this person from the Public Health Department (if they really are from the Public Health Department) got your telephone number. How do they know you attended the stock show? You demand to get a satisfactory answer before you will even consider doing the interview. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!]. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS EXERCISE THE DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW IS JANUARY 26th

OUTBREAK 2 – Interviewee (no. 2)

OUTBREAK 2 - Interviewee “I don’t understand why you want to interview well people”: Someone from the Public Health Department has called to ask you questions about your attendance at the National Western Stock show. They inform you that there were some illnesses reported among attendees which may be linked to the stock show. You attended the stock show on Jan. 19 with your daughter and another couple and their young daughter. While you are happy to answer their questions it occurs to you that your friend’s daughter (who you attended the stock show with) was ill a couple of days after the event. You insist therefore the person from the Public Health Department would be better off calling and talking to them--perhaps their child’s illness was linked to outbreak. Why would the Public Health Department want to continue talking to you when your daughter was not sick? [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!]. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS EXERCISE THE DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW IS JANUARY 26th

OUTBREAK 2 – Interviewee (no. 3)

OUTBREAK 2 - Interviewee “Very suspicious of government”:

Someone from the Public Health Department has called to ask you questions about your attendance at the National Western Stock show. The caller informs you that there were some illnesses reported among attendees which may be linked to the stock show. You attended the stock show on Jan. 20 with your spouse and three young children. However, you are very suspicious of what you believe to be excessive government regulation and intervention. You want to know exactly who this person is calling from the Public Health Department? How do you really know they are calling from the health department? If you find out that they are a student, you want to know when the Public Health Department started contracting out to the University? Why do they want to ask question about your child? Are they trying to shut down the stock show? This is all very suspicious! [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!]. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS EXERCISE THE DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW IS JANUARY 26th

OUTBREAK 2 – Interviewee (no. 4)

OUTBREAK 2 - Interviewee “Happy to answer questions but can’t give a straight answer”: Someone from the Public Health Department has called to ask you questions about your attendance at the National Western Stock show. They inform you that there were some illnesses reported among attendees which may be linked to the stock show. You attended the stock show on Jan. 23 with your 16 year old son. You have been home all day doing boring household tasks and you’re delighted to take the time to answer their questions. You have read about the outbreak and you’d love to hear more details. Perhaps you can get an inside scope on the outbreak. You’d love to tell them all about the stock show (you loved the bunnies!). You are quite tangential. You can’t answer any question directly without launching into some thought you have about what you think caused these illness. In fact this reminds you of when your mother-in-law got influenza last year and was in the hospital for a whole week. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!]. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS EXERCISE THE DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW IS JANUARY 26th.

OUTBREAK 3 – Interviewee (no. 1)

OUTBREAK 3 - Interviewee “I am on the Do-Not-Call list!”:

Someone has called you from the Public Health Department. You demand to know why they are calling you. You put your number on their do-not-call list. Haven't they heard of the do-not-call list! How did they get you number? If they give you a satisfactory answer, you should go ahead and answer their questionnaire. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!].

OUTBREAK 3 – Interviewee (no. 2)

OUTBREAK 3 - Interviewee “How long will this take? I can give you 5 minutes”: Someone has called you from the Public Health Department. There has been an outbreak of *E. coli* O157 and they want to ask you questions about the foods you have recently consumed. You're a busy person and you're not thrilled about spending all day on the phone answering such questions. How long will it take? Maybe you'll answer their questions if they keep it very short? If they convince you that there's a good reason to do so, you should take the time to answer their questionnaire. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!].

OUTBREAK 3 – Interviewee (no. 3)

OUTBREAK 3 - Interviewee “Very suspicious”: Someone has called you from the Public Health Department. There has been an outbreak of *E. coli* O157 and they want to ask you questions about the foods you have recently consumed. Before you answer their questions you want to know exactly who this person is calling from the Public Health Department? How do you really know they are calling from the health department? Is the Public Health Department contracting out to the University? Why do they want to ask questions? This is all very suspicious! Hopefully, the interviewer can reassure you and you can answer their questions. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!].

OUTBREAK 3 – Interviewee (no. 4)

OUTBREAK 3 - Interviewee “I have no idea what I ate yesterday, yet alone 3 weeks ago”: Someone has called you from the Public Health Department. There has been an outbreak of *E. coli* O157 and they want to ask you questions about the foods you have recently consumed. You agree to answer their questions. Once they start asking you about what they are in the 7 days before March 15th you start to think this is a waste of time. You have no idea what you ate yesterday, let alone 3 weeks ago! Hopefully the interviewer can convince you to look at your calendar, which helps jog your memory (that was around the week you spent in the mountains. After all, you pretty much know what you like and don't like and you do tend to eat the same foods over and over again. [Please make-up other details as needed. Be creative, have fun with this!].