

**FOOD LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 92 of 2000**

**289.3131 Communications system; development; implementation; provisions; availability of information.**

Sec. 3131. (1) A local health department shall develop and implement a communications system with other applicable governmental agencies, individuals, and organizations including, but not limited to, hospital emergency rooms and state and local police. The communications system shall provide the means to contact specific local health department employees and basic information necessary to initiate a foodborne illness outbreak investigation. The information provided in the communications system shall be updated annually.

(2) Procedures for investigating suspected foodborne illness outbreaks shall be implemented consistent with procedures contained in the publication entitled "Procedures to Investigate Foodborne Illness, 5th Ed.," prepared and published by the international association of food protection and incorporated by reference or an equivalent plan submitted to and approved by the department.

(3) All information gathered during the investigation which is not exempted from disclosure under section 13 of the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.243, and shall be made available to the owner, operator, or his or her employees to minimize the possibility of reoccurrence of the foodborne illness and to assure compliance with the code and this act.

**History:** 2000, Act 92, Eff. Nov. 8, 2000.

**Compiler's note:** Sec. 1117 of Act 92 of 2000 provides:

"Sec. 1117. (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), this act takes effect 6 months after the date of enactment.

"(2) Until 6 months after the effective date of this act, compliance with the standards of the design, construction, and equipment of a food service establishment approved under former sections 12901, 12902, 12903, 12904, 12905a, 12906, 12907, 12908, 12910, 12911, 12912, 12913, 12916, and 12921 of the public health code, MCL 333.12901, 333.12902, 333.12903, 333.12904, 333.12905a, 333.12906, 333.12907, 333.12908, 333.12910, 333.12911, 333.12912, 333.12913, 333.12916, and 333.12921, is considered compliance with this act.

"(3) Beginning 6 months after the effective date of this act, a food service establishment shall comply with the standards of design, construction, and equipment established under this act."