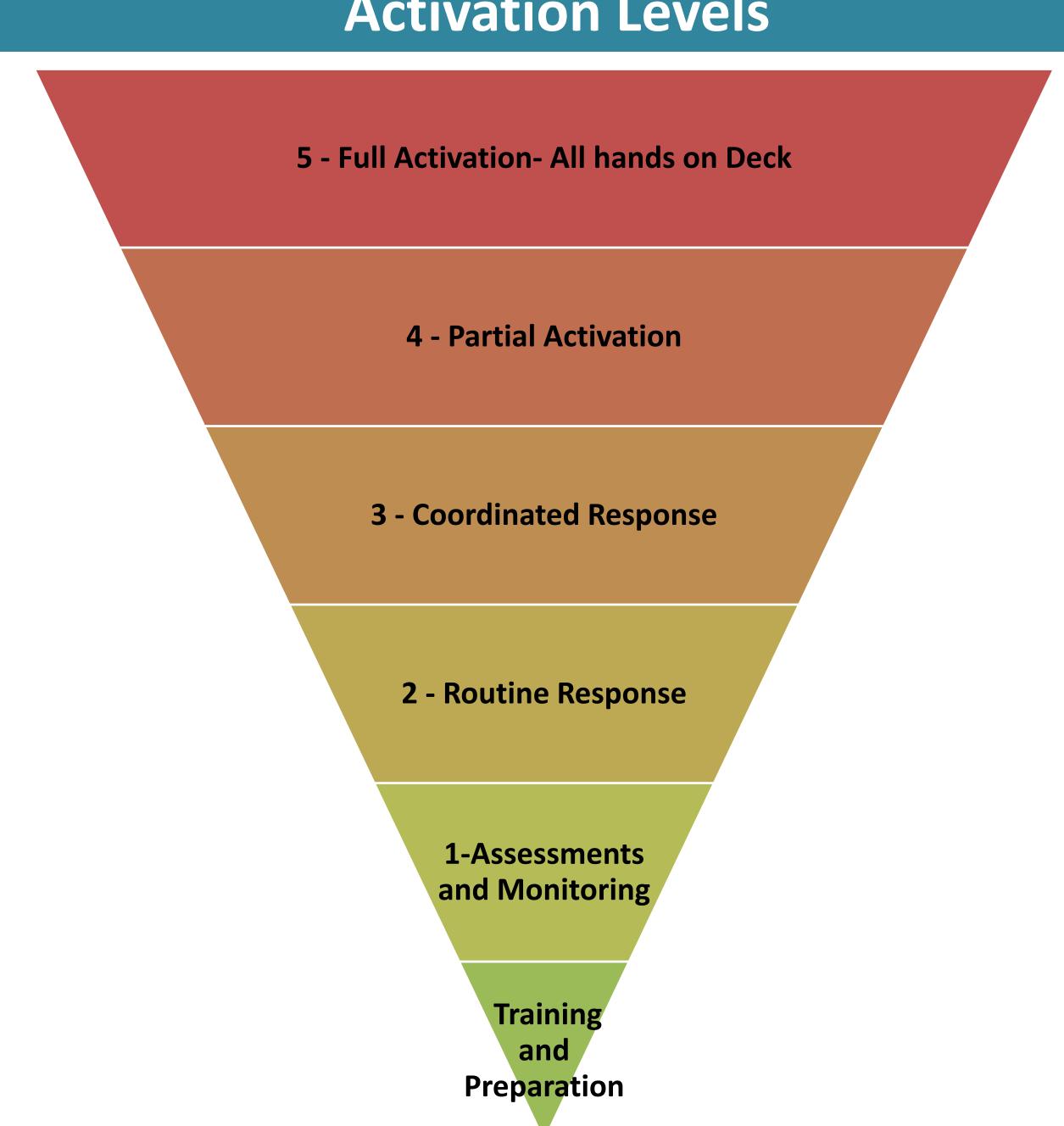# Utah RAPID RESPONSE Team
Human and Animal Food

Value of Partnership

The Utah Rapid Response Team (URRT) has partnered with various organizations throughout the state of Utah to make up the steering committee for the Utah URRT. The organizations are:

- Conference of Local Environmental Health Administrators (CLEHA)
- Food and Drug and Administration (FDA)
- Industry Advisory Group
- Local Health Departments
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA-FSIS)
- Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF)
- Utah Department of Health (UDOH)
- Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Lab (UDAFL)
- Utah Environmental Health Representative (UEHA)
- Utah Public Health Lab (UPHL)

These partnerships provide a collaboration that will allow the URRT to be sustainable and allow the program to be a state-wide program with buy-in from various organizations throughout the state. The URRT has an active participant list of other organizations beyond the steering committee.

Training and Preparation

Continually improving our capabilities and awareness through situational awareness. Trainings include, but are not limited to:
- Incident Command System (ICS)
- Traceback - ER 220
- Epi Ready - ER 324
- Environmental Assessment Training Series - EATS 101 & 102

Assessments and Monitoring

Regular inspections of food handling practices from farm to fork allow for standardization. These requirements help human and animal food facilities maintain a safe operating status.

Routine Response

Action will be taken once the awareness of reported health conditions has been made relating to human and animal food products. Our partners will be informed when an incident has occurred to ensure communication and collaboration. Investigation activities including traceback, environmental assessment, continued surveillance, sampling, and lab analysis. These actions assist in detecting and responding to the incident(s) and provide a path to mitigate the problem.

Coordinated Response

When a foodborne illness outbreak occurs that is beyond the routine response scope, the URRT will work in partnership with more than one agency by combining resources to coordinate the response actions and reporting to mitigate the incident.

Partial Activation

The Incident Command System will be needed for a multi-agency response. The coordination of an outbreak is more effectively handled through a coordinated ICS command structure to enhance communication, coordination, and effective response directives.
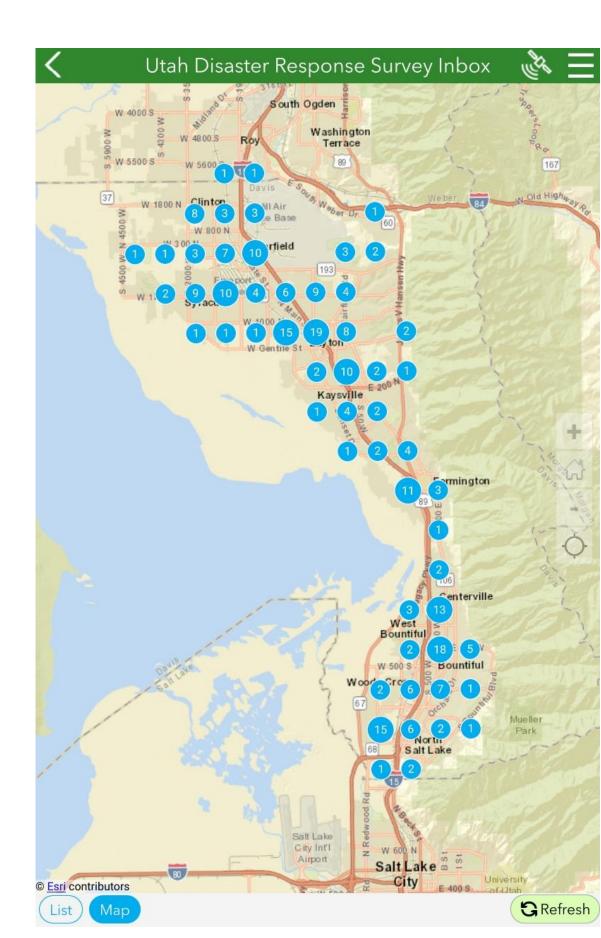
Full Activation
"All hands on deck"

This activation level is a result of a major foodborne illness outbreak and/or natural disaster; requiring on-going activation with multi-agency partnerships using the ICS model. During full activation the URRT will be coordinating with the State Emergency Operations Center.

Activation Levels

- 5 - Full Activation- All hands on Deck
- 4 - Partial Activation
- 3 - Coordinated Response
- 2 - Routine Response
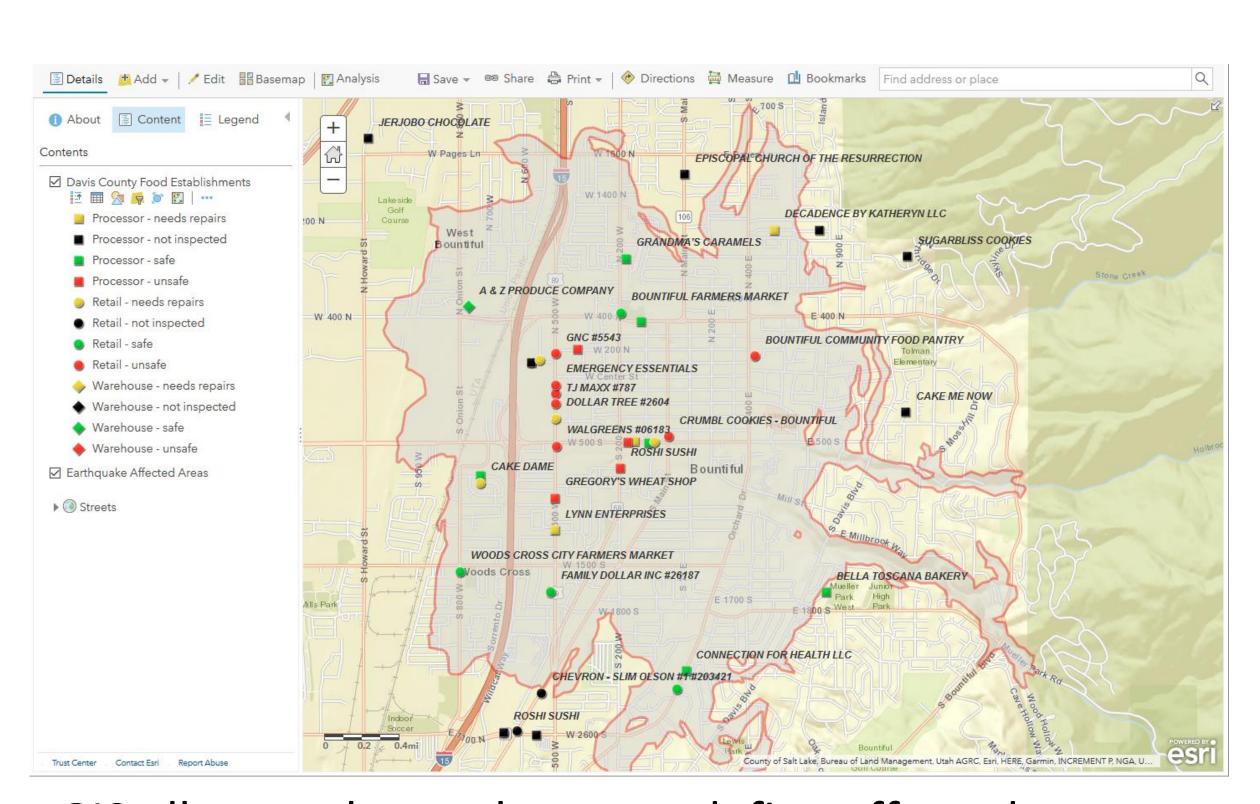- 1-Assessments and Monitoring
- Training and Preparation

URRT GIS Component

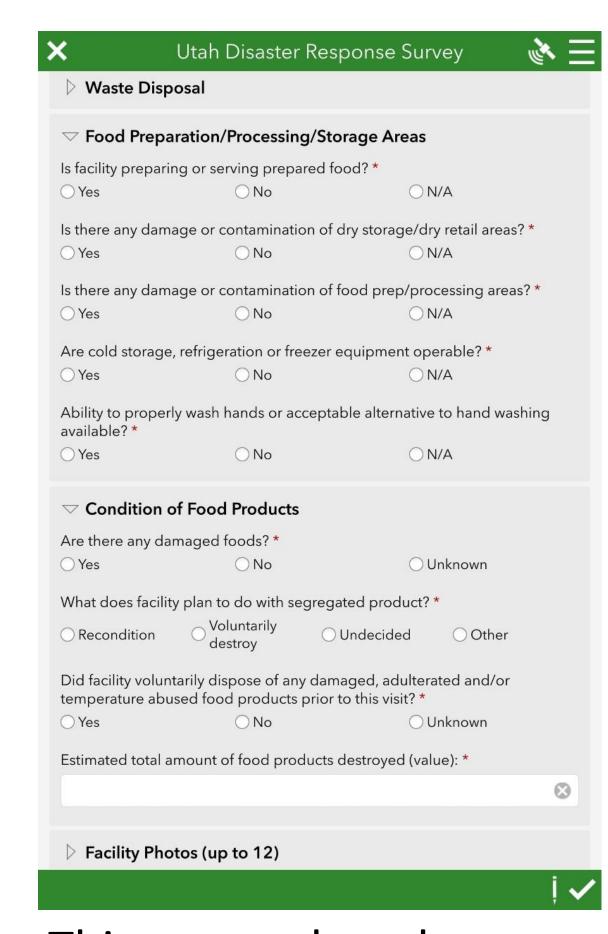The URRT is in the process of developing an app to aide in the efficiency of foodborne illness outbreak and disaster response. Below are a few screenshots of the functionality of the app.

Each circle indicates how many food and feed establishments are in a particular area.

GIS allows polygon shapes to define affected areas within a geographical location. Color-coded layering allows for a quick evaluation of facilities that need to have assessments completed and determine their operational status.

This screenshot shows a portion of the damage assessment form that will be used after a natural disaster.