

## Appendix A. FoodCORE Initial Interviews: Major Categories and Elements

<b>Demographics</b>	Race	Ethnicity	Gender	Refugee/Immigrant
	Other elements to consider including: E-mail address or other contact information; language preference			
<b>Clinical History</b>	Symptoms	Onset Date	Duration of Illness	Ongoing illness
	Hospitalization: before ill and specifically for illness		Medical care and/or treatments	Diagnoses (HUS, TTP)
	Immunocompromised or other conditions (e.g., pregnancy, etc)			
<b>Travel</b>	In-state	Out-of-state	International	Non-local visitors
	Other elements to consider including: Brought food into home from destination			
<b>Risks to others</b>	Occupation	Ill contacts	Diapered people	Daycare center
	Other elements to consider including: Specifically listing high-risk occupations (daycare/nursery, food handler, healthcare); volunteer activities			
<b>Local Clusters or Events/Finding Additional Cases</b>	Restaurants	Special Events		Large gatherings
	Other elements to consider including: Other shared location of exposures (e.g., nosocomial exposures)			
<b>Food Sources/ Diet Information</b>	Special diets/ Preferred diets		Sources of food at home	Sources of food away from home
	A food exposure history as resources allow (other initiatives including the <i>Listeria</i> Initiative, the STEC Standard Form, and the SNHGQ, have suggested food categories and elements to ascertain in a food history)			
<b>Other Exposures</b>	Animal and pet contact: Petting zoos, farm animals, events with animals, pets at home or other location			
	Water: Source at home, recreational water, natural water			Outdoor, other environmental