**Section 690.1350 Consolidation**

In any proceeding brought pursuant to this Subpart, to promote the fair and efficient operation of justice and having given due regard to the rights of the affected persons, the severity of the threat to the public's health, and the availability of necessary witnesses and evidence, the Department or the certified local health department may petition the court to order the consolidation of individual claims into group claims when:

a) The number of individuals involved or to be affected is so large as to render individual participation impractical;

b) There are questions of law or fact common to the individual claims or rights to be determined;

c) The group claims or rights to be determined are typical of the affected persons' claims or rights; and

d) The entire group will be adequately represented in the consolidation.

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