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## Join us for a Webinar on the AFDO Food Emergency Pocket Guide

The AFDO Food Protection and Defense Committee is hosting a webinar on the recently reformatted AFDO Food Emergency Pocket Guide. The webinar will review all aspects of the updated guide. Participants will hear from the committee members who were responsible for revising this 3rd edition.

The AFDO Food Emergency Regulator Pocket Guide is intended to aid Food Regulatory programs in planning for and responding to disasters or emergencies. The Guide addresses some common or unique situations that may require emergency responses by Food Regulators in the field.

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the Pocket Guide with all of you.

Register for webinar:

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## Conversations with AFDO – New Podcast Launched!

Conversations with AFDO released a new podcast on Sunday, September 16 discussing the updated Food Emergency Response Guide which was released in June by the Food Defense Committee. Committee Chair Jennifer Pierquet discusses the Guide and changes to the guide. Go to [afdo.podbean.com](http://afdo.podbean.com) or download the Podbean app to view or listen to the app:

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## Special Edition: RFA for Retail Program Standards Mentorship Program

NACCHO invites all retail food regulatory programs to submit applications to participate in a mentorship program with their peers to learn, share experiences, and acquire tools and resources related to the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (Retail Program Standards). [Read more...](#)



## Great Graphics for Simple Food Safety

Our [Story of Your Dinner](#) graphics contain simple tips for helping consumers stay food safe at home. Share these images in your outreach, and include the **#storyofyourdinner** hashtag when you do! Just right-click on an image, below, and select "Save As" to save the images for future use.

All the images, and tons more resources, are available at the [Story of Your Dinner web page](#) for health educators.



## New Videos on Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response

The Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) created two short videos about the council's history, free online resources, and upcoming revisions to the CIFOR Guidelines for Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response. Please view and share these videos with your partners and colleagues:

- [Overview of the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response \(CIFOR\)](#)
- [CIFOR Products and Resources for Foodborne Outbreak Response](#)

## Molecular Epidemiology and Sequencing Approaches in Public Health – Webinars from the New York Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence, Cornell

Approaches in Public Health from Cornell University. ***hqSNP, wgMLST and the WGS alphabet soup: what epidemiologists need to know.*** (originally broadcast on 5/24/2017)

At the end of the webinar, the viewer should be able to know:

- The advantages of wgMLST and hqSNP trees
- Why and how the same raw data can yield different trees
- How to interpret trees

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Entire series can be found at: <https://nyfoodsafety.cals.cornell.edu/molecular-epidemiology/webinars/>

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## FDA NEWS



# Statement from FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D., on the FDA's ongoing efforts to prevent foodborne outbreaks of Cyclospora

The safety of the American food supply is one of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's highest priorities. A key part of our work in this space focuses on implementing the principles and measures of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The actions directed by FSMA are designed to prevent foodborne illness and food safety problems from happening. [Read more...](#)

## FDA Releases Information for Qualified Facilities under Preventive Controls Rules

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued documents designed to help food facilities subject to the preventive controls for human and animal food rules determine if they meet the definition of a “qualified facility” under those rules, and if so, what modified requirements are applicable to such facilities.

Please see the

link: <https://www.fda.gov/Food/NewsEvents/ConstituentUpdates/UCM620438.htm>

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### Other Training Opportunities



## Preventive Controls for Human Foods and Foreign Supplier Verification Programs

### Preventive Controls for Human Foods Course (PCQI)

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