



# 2026 FDA Retail Food Protection Seminar

## September 16-18, 2026

### Philadelphia, PA

Wednesday, September 16, 2026	
Location: Wyeth Ballroom	
	<b>Moderator: FDA or NJ/PA</b>
8:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>Welcome, Opening Remarks</b> Elizabeth O’Malley, Branch Director, Office of Retail Food Protection, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
8:30 am – 9:30 am	<b>Understanding and Managing Risks Associated with Cooling Hot Foods</b> Dr. Donald Schaffner, Distinguished Professor and Extension Specialist, Rutgers University
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>OTED PRET Update</b> Deidra Holloway, Program Manager, Office of Training, Education, & Development (OTED)
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Break</b>
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10:30 am – 11:30 am	<b>Indian Health Services</b> Tracynda Davis, National Standard, U.S. Food and Drug Administration Braden Hickey, LCDR, US Public Health Service Mike Cope
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) Update</b> Maribeth Neisen, Office of Partnership, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
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1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	<b>Application of Predictive Microbiology to Manage Food Safety Risks in Last Mile Delivery</b> Dr. Donald Schaffner, Distinguished Professor and Extension Specialist, Rutgers University
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Shellfish Tags</b> Speaker
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Program Standards (Standard 9 – Intervention strategies)</b> Panel Discussion Leader: Michael Touhey, FDA Retail Food Specialist <b>State panel participants:</b> NC, Heather Sanders, PA Department of Agriculture Carolyn Fisher Vineland, NJ <b>2 more</b>
5:00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>

**Thursday, September 17, 2026**

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	<b>Moderator: FDA or NJ/PA</b>
<b>8:00 am – 8:15 am</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Erik Mettler, Assistant Commissioner for Integrated Food Safety Systems, U.S. Food and Drug Officials
<b>8:15 am – 9:15 am</b>	<b>World Cup Security Preparations and Inspections</b> Speaker Panel: Kenya Moon, FDA RFS; Jessica Swift Retail Food Project Coordinator NJ; Dawn Kiesewetter, Director, Environmental Health Services, Philadelphia Health Department <b>NYC</b>
<b>9:15 am – 10:00 am</b>	<b>FDA Food Code Update</b> Rebecca Vought, Biologist, FDA
<b>10:00 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30 am – 11:15 am</b>	<b>From Standards to Outcomes: National Evidence from NORS 2014-2023</b> Manjit "Mike" Randhawa, MD, MPH, Project Director, NEHA
<b>11:15 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Regulatory Approaches with Anabaptist Communities</b> Steven M. Nolt, Professor of History and Anabaptist Studies, Elizabethtown College
<b>12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
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<b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Root Cause Analysis</b> Steve Mandernach, Executive Director, Association of Food and Drug Officials
<b>2:45 pm – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:15 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Risk Factor Study Deli Report</b> Alisha Johnson, FDA Retail Food Specialist
<b>4:00 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>FDA's Interstate Travel Program: Regulation of Airplanes, Vessels, Trains, &amp; Buses</b> Joseph Morin, Biologist, Interstate Travel Program
<b>4:30 – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Amtrak</b> Bridget Sweet
<b>5:30 pm – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Greet</b>

**Friday, September 18, 2026**

Location: Wyeth Ballroom

	<b>Moderator: FDA or NJ/PA</b>
<b>8:00 am – 8:15 am</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Kyle Diamantas, Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
<b>8:15 am – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Fireside Chat</b> Kyle Diamantas, Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods, U.S. Food and Drug Administration Laurie Farmer, Office of Retail Food Protection Director, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
<b>9:00 am – 9:30 am</b>	<b>FDA TCS Food Update</b> Glenda R. Lewis, Acting Senior Advisor for Retail Food Policy, U.S. FDA
<b>9:30 am – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
	<b>Moderator: FDA or NJ/PA</b>
<b>10:00 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>PA/NJ Program Updates</b> Speakers
<b>10:30 am – 11:00 pm</b>	<b>Food Code Adoption</b> Doug Farquhar, JD, Director of Government Affairs, NEHA
<b>11:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Seasonal Beach Inspections</b> Speaker
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
<b>Exhibitors</b>	<b>FDA Resource Table</b>

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