



2026 FDA Retail Food Protection Seminar

September 16-18, 2026

Philadelphia, PA

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 Location: Wyeth Ballroom	
	Moderator: FDA or NJ/PA
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Welcome, Opening Remarks Elizabeth O’Malley, Branch Director, Office of Retail Food Protection, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Understanding and Managing Risks Associated with Cooling Hot Foods Dr. Donald Schaffner, Distinguished Professor and Extension Specialist, Rutgers University
9:30 am – 10:00 am	OTED PRET Update Deidra Holloway, Program Manager, Office of Training, Education, & Development (OTED)
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break
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10:30 am – 11:30 am	Indian Health Services 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	Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) Update Maribeth Neisen, Office of Partnership, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break
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1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	Application of Predictive Microbiology to Manage Food Safety Risks in Last Mile Delivery Dr. Donald Schaffner, Distinguished Professor and Extension Specialist, Rutgers University
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Shellfish Tags Speaker
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Program Standards (Standard 9 – Intervention strategies) Panel Discussion Leader: Michael Touhey, FDA Retail Food Specialist Speaker Panel: Kim Carlton, Retail Food Program Manager, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Heather Sanders, Retail Food Program Specialist, PA Department of Agriculture; Margareta M. Slagle, MPH, REHS, Environmental Health Supervisor, Craven County Health Department, NC; Wendy G. Bell, MPH, REHS, Environmental Health Supervisor, Mecklenburg County Health Department, NC; Jessica Freer, MPH, REHS, Assistant Health Officer, County of Morris, NJ
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Thursday, September 17, 2026

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

Friday, September 18, 2026

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

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