



# 2024 FDA Food Protection Seminar Agenda

Location: [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront](#)

**Registration Cost: \$250.00**

**Registration Link:** [AFDOSS - 2024 FDA Southeast Retail Food Protection Seminar \(wildapricot.org\)](#)

## Day 1- Wednesday, October 23, 2024

7:45 AM **Registration**

**AM Moderator:** *Doug Peterson, Food Safety Inspection Officer, FL Department of Business and Professional Regulation*

8:00 AM **Welcome and Updates**

**Food and Drug Administration- Office of Retail Food Protection, Human Foods Program/Office of Integrated Food Safety System Partnerships**

*Speaker: Elizabeth O'Malley, Branch Director*

**Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)**

*Speaker: Steven von Bodungen, Director*

**Association of Food and Drug Officials of the Southern States (AFDOSS)**

*Speaker: Summer Williams, President, AFDOSS*

8:35 AM **Retail Program Standards Growth Track- The North Carolina Network Bunch**

*Speakers: Traci Stevens, REHS, Environmental Health Specialist Richmond County Health Department (North Carolina)*

*Melissa G. Ham, Environmental Health Specialist, Hoke County (North Carolina)*

9:35 AM **An Update on FDA's Retail Foods Training Initiatives**

*Speakers: Daniel Osei, Division Director, Division of Programmatic Training, FDA Office of Inspections, and Investigations, Office of Training, Education and Development*  
*Loureliz Ruiz, Branch 2 Chief, FDA Office of Training, Education and Development*

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Produce Food Safety, Food Safety Trainings and Recall Events**

*Speaker: Morgan Madison, Manager, Food Safety & Sustainability, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association*

*Dr. Michelle Danyluk, Food Safety and Microbiology Professor, University of Florida*

12:00 PM **Lunch Break**

**Day 1 (continued):**

**PM Moderator:** *Summer Williams, AFDOSS President*

- 1:30 PM      **Identifying the Root Cause of Handwashing Violations**  
*Speakers:*      *Meghan Holst, Health Scientist, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*  
*Stacy-Ann Irving, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Community Sanitation, New York City Department of Mental Health and Hygiene*  
*Bresa Daise, MPH, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Fellow, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*  
*Jessica Walzer, Supervisor, Food Safety Grant, Environmental Public Health Division, Harris County Public Health (Texas)*
- 2:30 PM      **Healthy People 2030 Norovirus Initiatives Update and Demo of FDA Employee Health Policy Tool**  
*Speakers:*      *Laurie Farmer, Director, Office of Retail Food Protection, FDA Human Foods Program/Office of Integrated Food Safety System Partnerships*  
*Michael Touhey REHS, FDA Retail Food Specialist*
- 3:00 PM      **Break**
- 3:30 PM      **Retail Standards Funding Opportunities and Activities**  
*Speakers:*      *Maribeth Niesen, Consumer Safety Officer, Office of Partnerships, Division of Partnership Investments and Agreements*  
*Rosie DeVito, Program and Operations Manager, National Environmental Health Association*  
*Art Johnstone, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Grant Partners Group*
- 4:00 PM      **State Reports**
- 5:00 PM      **Adjourn**

**Day 2- Thursday, October 24, 2024**

**AM Moderator:** *Kyle Kowal, Food Safety Inspection Officer, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation*

- 8:00 AM      **Foodborne Outbreak Investigations Highlighting Regulatory Agency Collaboration and Retail Partnerships**  
*Speakers:*      *Dr. Paul Rehme, DVM, MPH, Regional Environmental Epidemiologist, Florida Department of Health*  
*Tess Gorden, MPH, Regional Environmental Epidemiologist, Florida Department of Health*  
*Kimberly Stockdale, MSPH, Food and Waterborne Disease Program Coordinator, Florida Department of Health*
- 10:00 AM      **Break**

**Day 2 (continued):**

10:15 AM **Overview of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) Plan Review Process for Retail Establishments**  
*Speaker: Robert 'Duke' Ivers, Plan Review Manager, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants*

11:00 AM **Office of Retail Food Protection, Division of Retail Food Protection Policy, Research, and Risk Assessment Update**  
*Speaker: Laurie B. Williams, MS, Consumer Safety Officer, ORFP, FDA*

12:00 PM **Lunch Break**

**PM Moderator:** *Andrea Ables, Environmental Manager, Florida Department of Health*

1:30 PM **Sanitization for Food Safety: Using Sanitizer Test Strips**  
*Speakers: Melissa Vaccaro, MS, CP-FS, Sr. Food Safety Program Specialist, National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)*

2:30 PM **Break**

2:40 PM **Retail Industry Perspective on Vendor Selection, Food Recalls, and Hurricane Preparedness**  
*Speaker: Michael Roberson, Director of Corporate Quality Assurance, Publix*

4:10 PM **State Reports**

5:00 PM **Adjourn**

### **Day 3- Friday, October 25, 2024**

**AM Moderator:** *Dairin Flores, Florida Department of Health*

8:00 AM **Hurricane and Large-Scale Disaster Response, Preparedness, Recovery: Protecting Retail Food and Environmental Assessments in Florida Part 1**  
*Speakers: Chad Bailey, CPM, Florida Department of Health, Environmental Public Health Preparedness Coordinator*  
*Trisha Dall, Environmental Director, Florida Department of Health Okaloosa County*

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **DBPR's Rapid Response to Large Scale Disasters: Hurricane Ian**  
*Speakers: Pamela (PJ) Enders, Training and Research Consultant, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (FL DBPR)*  
*Angela Carragher, Statewide Training Manager, FL DBPR*  
*Douglas Peterson, Training and Research Consultant, FL DBPR*  
*Jose Quinones, Training and Research Consultant, FL DBPR*  
*Kyle Kowal, Training and Research Consultant, FL DBPR*  
*Steven DeJong, Training and Research Consultant, FL DBPR*  
*Kay Emmanuel, District Manager Ft. Myers, FL DBPR*

12:00 PM **Adjourn- Thanks for Attending and Safe Travels!**