



# 2024 FDA Food Protection Seminar Agenda

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

Continental/Buffer-style Breakfast and Lunch to be served during seminar. Cost included with registration. Breakfast 7:00 AM –8:00 AM outside seminar meeting room. Lunch will be served when seminar breaks for lunch.

## 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: Chris Smith, Branch Director, Office of Retail Food Protection, FDA Human Foods Program/Office of Integrated Food Safety System Partnerships*

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

*Speaker: Steven von Bodungen, Director, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants*

**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  
Lourelis 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: Chris Smith, Branch Director, Office of Retail Food Protection, 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: Trisha Dall, Environmental Director, Florida Department of Health  
Jason Wolfe, Environmental Public Health Director, Florida Department of Health  
Andy Natal, EPH Administrator, Florida Department of Health*

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!**