

PFP IT WG NEWSLETTER



PARTNERSHIP FOR FOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKGROUP



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COFFEE TALK WITH ILLINOIS

The NFSDX Team recently had the opportunity to catch-up with Michael Crumly, Illinois Special Projects Coordinator, as part of our NFSDX Coffee Talk series that highlights regulatory partner experience with NFSDX. [Read more...](#)

COFFEE TALK WITH FLORIDA

Check out the Coffee Talk article with Matthew Colson, Bureau Chief of Florida’s Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Food Safety. [Read more...](#)

NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY DATA EXCHANGE (NFSDX) PROJECT UPDATES

- ❖ Arkansas Dept. of Health integrated with NFSDX (FDA Firm Search and State to State DX) on September 23, 2019.
- ❖ Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture began using the ORA Partners Portal (ORAPP) produce safety file sharing capability in July 2019.
- ❖ NFSDX and ORA Partners Portal (ORAPP) continue to expand the electronic data exchange capabilities between FDA and regulatory partners for a national Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS).

“The system saves time for our field inspectors – now they can spend more time actually doing the inspections versus paperwork/data entry. They no longer have to enter their FDA contract inspection results into both eSAF and USAFoodSafety.”

- Michael Crumly (Illinois Special Projects Coordinator)

Meet Your PFP IT WG Chair!

Lisa is the Director of the ORA's Office of Information Systems Management and the current Chair of the PFP IT work group. She is proud of the team spirit the PFP IT work group has fostered to design and create the regulatory partner data exchange program and is thrilled that NFSDX and ORAPP are in production with more features to come. Lisa lives in Southern Maryland and spends her time actively trying (along with her husband and three teenaged kids) to avoid crashing into deer.... without much success. She is also transitioning to an empty nest and is trying to figure out what's next after all of the kids are off to college. She was in a modern dance troupe years ago and hopes to get back into practicing dance. A few fun facts about Lisa: Her favorite ice cream is mint chocolate chip and she doesn't like to binge watch shows preferring to watch one episode weekly....freely admitting some may find it extremely weird.

Lisa Creason, Director, Office of Information Systems Management, Office of Regulatory Affairs, FDA



WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN THE PFP IT WG MEETING?

YOUR WG'S GOT YOU COVERED!

Established in 2012, the Partnership for Food Protection Information Technology Workgroup (PFP IT WG) meeting is a great way to engage with various local, state, and federal agencies working towards the protection of public health, providing a collective IT vision and approach for sustainable uniform electronic data exchange with Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS) partners. Participation offers an opportunity to learn about the National Food Safety Data Exchange (NFSDX) program and FDA plans for the PFP IT WG, while collaborating with the partners and FDA. The focus of the meeting series in the past year has been to highlight NFSDX along with ORAPP. The PFP IT WG meetings occur on the last Monday of every month at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time).

"Food is our common ground, a universal experience."

James Beard

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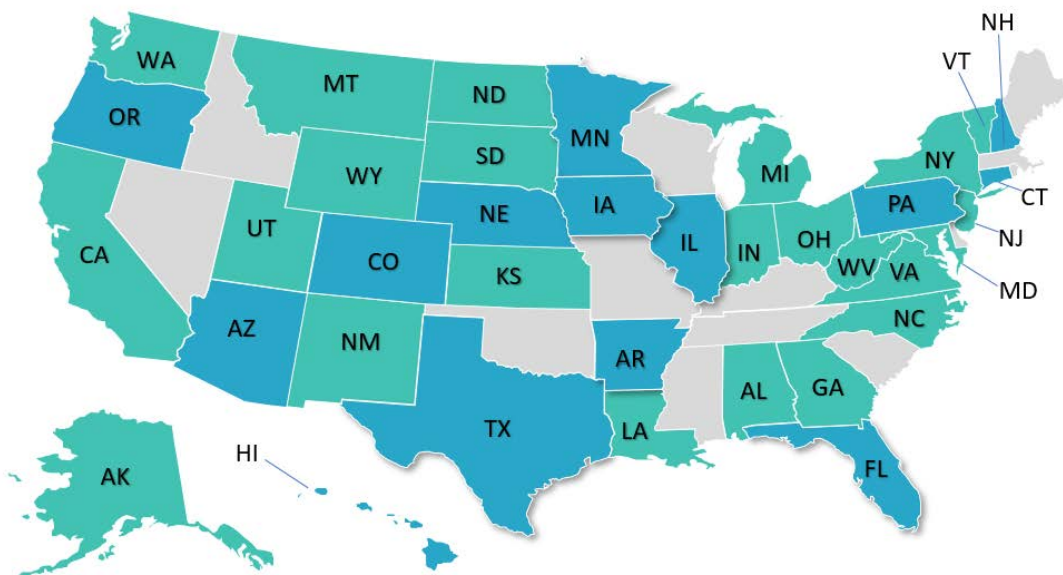
States currently participating in the PFP IT WG

13

States participating in the data exchange and/or the PFP IT WG meeting

12/9

The next scheduled PFP IT WG meeting for calendar year 2019



STATE PARTICIPATION

SUPPORTING FOOD SAFETY GOALS

WE OFFER TWO IT SOLUTIONS TO ENABLE DATA EXCHANGE



About 48 million people in the United States of America (1 in 6) get sick, 128,000 people are hospitalized, and 3,000 people die each year from foodborne diseases, according to recent data derived from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. This is a significant public health burden that is largely preventable.

In 1998, FDA hosted the first 50-State Meeting that included State, Local, and Federal officials that recognized the need for an integrated food safety system (IFSS) designed to collaborate efforts through all levels of government and protect consumers in a globalized food system. In 2007, Congress incorporated specific food safety items into the FDA Amendments Act (FDAAA), and FDA developed the Food Protection Plan (FPP) which focused on prevention, intervention, and response.

In 2008, public health partners recommendations on implementing FPP led to the establishment of the Partnership for Food Protection (PFP), officials from all levels of government charged to build the foundation of an IFSS. By September 2009, President Obama had established the Food Safety Working Group (FSWG) to serve as a central coordinating mechanism for the federal government's food safety activities. Based on FSWG findings, FDA, along with PFP support, drafted a vision for a national IFSS that included strengthening inspection, laboratory, and response capacity.

In 2010, PFP 50-State provided advice and recommendations on various elements of the IFSS vision to include integrated response efforts, joint investigations, and outcome metrics. The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), signed into law by President Obama on January 4, 2011 holds FDA accountable to use the IFSS vision and create operational processes to bring the vision to reality. FSMA is transforming the nation's food safety system by shifting the focus from responding to foodborne illness to preventing it.

The goal of PFP IT WG is to provide a collaborative Information Technology vision and approach for a sustainable and uniform electronic data exchange with Integrated Food Safety System partners. In Addition, it identifies and addresses IT needs, across all facets of the IFSS, which enables mutual data reliance across FDA and regulatory partners.

Data Exchange Information Resources

- [FoodSHIELD \(PFP IT WG Workspace\)](#)
- [PFP Website](#) and [PFP IT WG Page](#)
- [Presentations at 2019 Conferences \(AFDO, MFRPA\)](#)

Two IT Solutions to Enable Data Exchange

NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY DATA EXCHANGE

- ✓ System to System interface to electronically exchange information between FDA and regulatory partners
- ✓ Stores transactional data (who sent, when it was sent, etc.)
- ✓ Integrates with FDA systems of record
- × Not a data or document repository
- × Not a website



Contact us at NFSDX_Info@fda.hhs.gov

ORA PARTNERS PORTAL

- ✓ Bi-directional information exchange via an integrated collaborative website for FDA and regulatory partners
- ✓ Interconnects with NFSDX and integrates with FDA systems of record
- ✓ User account management
- ✓ Catalogs, Reports, Notifications, and Alerts
- × Not replacing FoodSHIELD
- × Not a data repository

Current NFSDX Capabilities



Submit Contracted Inspections Data to FDA
Enables a regulatory partner's system to submit contracted inspections data to FDA.



Request FDA Firm Data Search
Enables a regulatory partner's system to search and receive FDA firm data.



Regulatory Partner Requests Firm Data from Another Regulatory Partner
Enables regulatory partners' systems to exchange their publicly available data.



Submit Additional Inspection Types (BSE Checklist and Seafood HACCP) to FDA
Enables a regulatory partner's system to submit BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) Checklist and Seafood HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) contracted inspections data to FDA.

Current ORAPP Capabilities



Produce Safety Files (Farm Inventory Data) with FDA
Allows CAP A/B states to submit produce safety farm inventory data files to FDA.



FDA Firm Search
Allows the users to conduct FDA firm search via ORAPP.

DATA EXCHANGE

Upcoming NFSDX Capabilities



Submit Non-Contracted Inspection Data to FDA
Enables a regulatory partner's system to submit non-contracted inspection data to FDA. The current scope is limited to inspections of non-high-risk firms that had non-violative outcome.



Submit Contracted Sample (Lab) Data to FDA
Enables a regulatory partner's system to submit sample analysis data to FDA. The current scope is limited to Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) Cooperative Agreement Program (CAP) analyses for FDA collected samples and analyses types such as Elements, Pesticides, Mycotoxins, and Microbiology.



Upcoming ORAPP Capabilities



View FDA Firm History
Enhancement of FDA Firm Search capability that allows users to view firm history data.

"Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon." - Doug Larson