

In This Issue

Featured ArticlesSpotlight on the PFP Surveillance,
Response, and Post-Response
Workgroup 1, 2

ORA DX Release 17.0

Highlights

ORA DX Tech Talk – Regulatory

Partner Participation 3

ORASpeaks Podcast:

What is SAVA? 3

ORA DX Frequently Asked

Questions (FAQs) 4

ORA DX Training Highlights 4

Food Safety TipsTips for a Food-Safe Holiday



SPOTLIGHT ON
PFP Surveillance,
Response, and PostResponse (SRPR)
Workgroup (WG)



The PFP IT WG recently had the pleasure of collaborating with the PFP SRPR WG. Katie Blackshear, FDA (*SRPR Co-Chair*), Brian Sauders, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) (*SRPR Co-Chair*), and Jennifer Freiman, United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) (*SRPR Project Manager*) shed light on their activities to further the mission of the PFP.

Read more about the SRPR WG's role in the PFP, as we spotlight their great work *on page 2!*

ORA DATA EXCHANGE (DX) RELEASE 17.0

ORA Partners Portal (ORAPP) – Regulatory partners can:

 submit Nutritional Analysis and Nutritional Infant Formula (NIS/NIF) sample analysis data

System-to-System (S2S) Regulatory partners can:

 retrieve Snapshot, Consumer Complaints, Inspections, and Investigations related to Firm History data elements

For information regarding current and prior DX releases, <u>read more</u> on the ORAPP About page, under the Recent Releases section.



Next PFP IT WG Meeting: February 26, 2024

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." — Charles M. Schulz

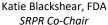
Issue 16 December 2023



Spotlight on PFP Surveillance, Response, and Post-Response Workgroup

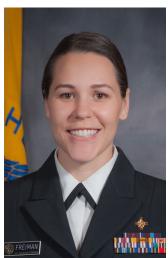
The PFP Surveillance, Response, Post-Response and (SRPR) Workgroup (WG) is comprised of federal, state, and local public health professionals with shared interest strengthening the Integrated Food Safety System's (IFSS) capacity to identify, respond to, and learn from food emergencies. The WG's activities cover a wide range of collaborative projects to further the PFP mission. Some of the SRPR WG's recent accomplishments include:







Brian Sauders, NYSDAM SRPR Co-Chair



Jennifer Freiman, USDA-FSIS SRPR Project Manager



Implementation of the Recall Integration Partnership Project enhanced FDA and state partnership in recalls with validated results



Revitalization of the Best Practices for FDA and State Communication During Recalls with important updates to improve coordination and response during recall scenarios



Creation and socialization of a new Foodborne Illness Investigation Overview for Industry to improve industry's understanding of the outbreak investigation process



The SRPR WG has several other exciting projects on the docket for the coming calendar year which includes:

- Creating a process to encourage local health authorities to enter information sharing agreements that will allow FDA and state partners to work more collaboratively during food emergencies
- Cataloging existing whole genome sequencing tools and resources into a searchable database and address identified gaps
- Developing and publishing best practices for using whole genome sequencing in food safety programs

The SRPR WG is proud of their accomplishments in the last few years! They have reinvigorated their web presence and socialized the outcomes of the completed projects. WG members have promoted PFP and SRPR initiatives through various channels, including publications in Food Safety Magazine, informational videos, a podcast, infographics, and presentations to a broad range of stakeholders.

To learn more about the SRPR WG, view their website or email the PFP.



"If I have chocolate around, I will eat it. I love it, I love it, I love it. I like a piece every day." — Julia Louis-Dreyfus

Issue 16 December 2023

ORA DX Tech Talk: Regulatory Partner Participation



This map illustrates regulatory partner participation in the DX program. The DX has accomplished the involvement of 49 of 50 states and 2 territories (American Samoa and Puerto Rico.) There were 1,830 Contracted Inspections (CI) submissions, and 1,613 Produce safety document uploads between January and September 2023, which is more than the total usage in 2022 for these capabilities! Usage is increasing and we are very thankful to the states and stakeholders that support the DX.

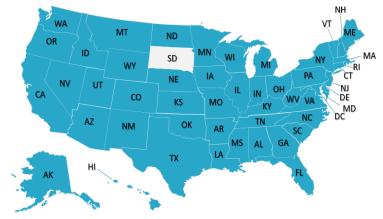
49 States **Participating** in ORA DX

Last Modified: 11/15/23

Congratulations to our DX Outreach Coordinator, Omari Fennell, and our support team who have continued to work diligently to get us to this point. State agencies such as Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (DA) have been collaborating with their FDA division and national/state OEI coordinator to complete firm inventory reconciliation activities. If you would like additional details on the statistics, feel free to contact Omari.

47 total states participating in PFP IT WG or Sample WG

- 72 partner agencies participating in ORAPP
- 23 partner agencies participating in Systemto-System or Enhanced DX Client
- In certain cases, there is more than 1 partner/agency per state
- Some partners are in the process of onboarding



2023 ORA DX Participation

- 16 New Partner Agencies Onboarded for ORAPP capabilities
- 2 New Partner Agencies Onboarded for System-to-System capabilities
- 1 New Partner Agency Onboarded for Enhanced DX Client

ORASpeaks Podcast: What is SAVA?



Collaboration between the FDA, other agencies and state, local, territorial, and tribal partners are key to promoting public health. Listen about the latest collaboration that birthed an on-demand course series geared towards conducting Self-Assessment and Verification Audits (SAVA) of the FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Programs Standards.

Guests: Steve Nattrass (FDA), Deirdra Holloway (FDA), Anna Floyd (NEHA) and Jason Reagan (GNR Public Health)

Listen to the Podcast HERE.

"Mama always said, 'Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna to get.'" — Forrest Gump

Issue 16 December 2023



ORA DX Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question: Are there ORA DX instructor-led courses and how can regulatory partners participate?

Answer: Yes. ORA DX instructor-led courses are conducted to increase the understanding of the ORA DX systems via instructor and student interactions. Instructor-led courses include structured and focused training materials, that are accompanied by a system demo and practice exercises. Instructor-led courses are available for ORA DX systems users only.

Question: Can regulatory partners share feedback or questions about training materials? Answer: Yes. The ORA DX training team values regulatory partner feedback to continuously improve ORA DX training. Contact the ORA DX training team via the ORAPP Contact Us page.

Resources and Useful Information

- PFP Website and X/Twitter
- PFP IT WG Page
- PFP Strategic Plan
- ORA Partners Portal
- ORAPP Contact Us Page

The FAQs for the ORA DX program are usually updated with each ORA DX release. For additional ORA DX FAQs read more . . .

ORA DX Training Highlights



The ORA DX Training fiscal year training plan is in the works. It is aimed at mostly e-Learning courses (maintenance of select ones and addition of new training courses) and Knowledge Articles. Yes, Free, on-line, on-demand ORA DX instructor-led courses are also being considered! The focus would be PFP IT WG, ORA DX security, and End User Support.

Check out the ORA DX <u>Training Page</u> to learn more about current <u>e-Learning</u> <u>trainings</u>, and to catch up on the latest <u>Knowledge Articles</u>.

"Moderation, honey, in all things but love and chocolate. That's my motto." — Barbara Bretton

Issue 16 December 2023



Food Safety Tips for a Food-Safe Holiday

No matter what's on your menu, food is always a central part of holiday festivities. Whether you're an experienced cook, a first-time party host, or bringing a dish to a potluck dinner, check out these resources for ensuring that holiday buffets and mailorder food are free from the germs that cause foodborne illness:



Click on the links below to access interesting articles containing useful resources to ensure you and yours enjoy a food-safe holiday season!

> Holiday Food Safety (FDA)

Serving Up Safe Buffets (FDA)

Mail-Order Food Safety (USDA)

Roasting Those "Other" Holiday Meats (USDA)

Tips for Meal Kit and **Food Delivery Safety** (Food Safety)

Click here to access the Map to a Food-Safe Holiday!



"There is nothing better than a friend unless it is a friend with chocolate." — Linda Grayson