

# The Collaborative

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These organizations, along with our partners at the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, make up the Retail Food Safety Regulatory Association Collaborative.



# Collaborative's Focus

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- adoption of the latest editions of the Food Code
- promoting and improving food safety culture, increasing enrollment and active participation and conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards
- improving foodborne illness outbreak investigations, improving food safety management systems at retail food facilities
- enhancing effective communications and sharing of best practices among retail food protection partners.



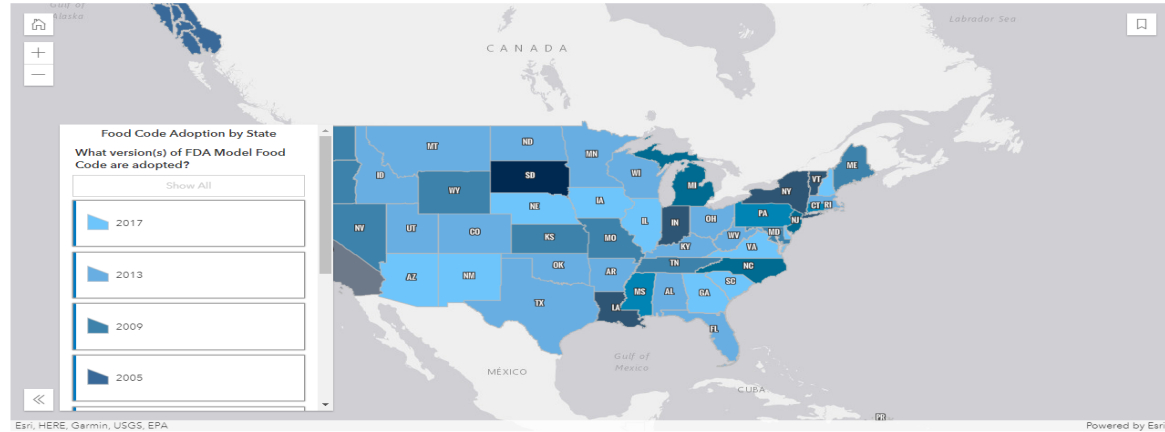
# History of the Collaborative

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- Fall 2018 – the FDA began conversations with Association Leadership
- June 2019 - the first Retail Food Regulatory Association Summit was held.
- Early 2020 – CDC joined the Collaborative

# Food Code Adoption Toolkit

## Food Code Adoption Map



The above map was created as a part of the Retail Food Safety Regulatory Association Collaborative's specific objective 1: Develop a national Food Code adoption strategy and provide tools and resources to our regulatory partners to support these efforts. It reflects statutory or regulatory adoption of the FDA Food Code at the state level as of January 2021.

The above information is based on research performed by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). NEHA gathered this information in January 2021 from research into state statutes and regulations done through the Westlaw database. NEHA makes no warranty, express or implied, as to the current status of any state position regarding the adoption of the FDA Food Code.

## Introduction

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food Code is a model code for safeguarding public health and is a scientifically sound, technical resource that can be used to regulate the retail segment of the food industry. Thousands of state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government agencies with responsibility over regulating retail foods may find this model code to be of great benefit in protecting the retail food supply in their communities. This model code is a useful reference document, which provides uniform guidance on food safety and sanitation for SLTT agencies. FDA issues a new edition of the Food Code every 4 years and supplementals are released in the intervening 2 years.

In 2020, the Collaborative's Food Code Adoption Toolkit Working Group disseminated a survey to 221 SLTT retail food regulatory programs. Results of this survey informed the creation of this resource. The Food Code Adoption Toolkit is designed to be a living resource that is frequently updated as new tools and information become available and contributions added in support of the adoption of the Food Code.

## How to use the Toolkit

This Toolkit serves multiple purposes. First, it may be used as a resource to learn more about the Food Code and how it is implemented in jurisdictions around the country. It can also be used as a tool to influence decision-makers such as legislators, board members, and other individuals in leadership positions that can help drive the importance of using the most current, science-based standards to promote public health in the communities they serve. This Toolkit contains valuable resources for food safety professionals at all levels and is maintained by the members of the Food Code Adoption Toolkit Working group of the Collaborative.

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# Statements of Support

## Policy Statements

A list of Policy Statements created by national associations with an interest in promoting Food Code Adoption across the Nation.

[NACCHO Food System Safety Policy Statement \(PDF\)](#)

[NEHA Policy Statement on the Adoption and Implementation of the Current Food and Drug Administration's \*Food Code\* \(PDF\)](#)

## Letters of Support

Letters of support of Food Code Adoption from regulatory programs, industry organizations and members, associations, academia, and agencies around the country.

### Letters of Support from Associations

[Letter from the California Retail Food Safety Coalition \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from the Conference for Food Protection \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from the National Association of County and City Health Officials \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from the National Environmental Health Association \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from the National Retail Federation \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from NSF International \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from the Partnership for Food Protection \(PDF\)](#)

### Letters of Support from Industry

[Letter from Active Food Safety, LLC. \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from AllerCuisine® \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from Diversey \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from First Watch Restaurants, Inc. \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from Yum Brands \(PDF\)](#)

### Letters of Support from Regulatory Programs

[Letter from Maricopa County Environmental Services Department \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from Southern Nevada Health District \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from Teller County Environmental Health Department \(PDF\)](#)

[Letter from Utah Department of Health \(PDF\)](#)



# Testimonials

Food Code Adoption Testimonials that support the adoption of the FDA model Food Code.

***"Staying current with Food Code is the choice to embrace the best scientific practice available as the tools to serve our mission of protecting our communities from food borne [SIC] illness."***

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Letter from South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (PDF)

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## Benefits of Food Code Adoption

The benefits of Food Code Adoption can be found in various formats.

Benefits Associated with Complete Adoption and Implementation of the FDA Food Code (PDF)

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## Submit Feedback

Share your thoughts, feedback, and additional resources.

How helpful was the information in this toolkit? \*



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