

## The Retail and Foodservice Professional Development Group

The Retail and Foodservice Professional Development Group's mission is to provide the retail and foodservice industry worldwide with information to prepare and serve safe food. The PDG is made up of more than 260 leading food safety professionals and regulatory officials from across the globe that see tremendous value in sharing ideas, experiences and best practices focused on improving public health in the retail and foodservice industry. The PDG has grown in size over the years and routinely has one of the most attended in-person meetings every year at the annual IAFP Conference where members openly exchange ideas on educational symposia, roundtables, and webinars for the following years conference. A few recent examples of the work the group has sponsored include:

- Home Food Delivery: The Last Mile is Not What It Used to be
- Food Safety in Aisle 8: Science-based Messages for Consumer Food Safety Education Campaigns at Retail
- Developing a Risk-based Food Safety Plan for Fresh Produce in Retail Food Establishments

The IAFP Connect is also a great one-stop shop to stay up to date with any of the PDG groups you are involved with. The Retail and Foodservice community page has been seeing an increase in usage and we hope to see this continue. Members

can also find our PDG's meeting minutes and other supporting meeting documents from 2018, 2019 and 2020; the files can be accessed in the Announcements and Shared files section of our community page.

2020 has been a challenging year for the retail and foodservice industry and with IAFP moving to a virtual format, the PDG leaders doubled down on planning this year's meeting to provide attendees with an engaging, educational and thought-provoking meeting. The meeting was kicked off by a fireside-style chat with Dr. Ben Chapman and Dr. Don Schaffner who shared academic insights on SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 research, mitigation strategies and where to find trustworthy resources. The highlight of the meeting was during the idea-sharing session where representatives from industry, academia, and regulatory shared session ideas and identified potential areas of collaboration from within the group as well as with other PDGs.

We invite you to join and become engaged in your PDG! If you would like to learn more or become a member, please contact the Retail and Foodservice PDG Chair at [EMoore@testo.com](mailto:EMoore@testo.com).

**Eric Moore, Chairperson**