

Collaborative Description
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The Retail Food Safety Regulatory Association Collaborative (Collaborative) was formed in 2019 and is comprised of members representing member associations, including:

- Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)
- Conference for Food Protection (CFP)
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Through a series of discussions, these stakeholders identified the need to have a collaborative approach to effectively leverage the retail food safety activities of each organization to maximize their individual and collective effectiveness. The Collaborative recognizes the important contributions of other retail food safety organizations and assesses opportunities to leverage their impact toward the advancement of Collaborative objectives.

The objectives of the Collaborative include the following:

- Develop a national Model Food Code adoption strategy including the Food Code Adoption Tool Kit;
- Improve the approach, competency, and food safety culture in the regulatory community;
- Increase enrollment, engagement, and conformance in the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards VNRFRPS (Retail Program Standards);
- Improve foodborne outbreak investigation methods;
- Increase the number of establishments that have well-developed and implemented Food Safety Management Systems; and
- Develop a strategy to enhance communication and better tell our collective story of making our food supply safer.