



Kentucky Public Health
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The KY Food Protection Task Force

MISSION & MEMBERSHIP

What is it?

- The FDA's Food Protection Task Force (FPTF) grant is available to state, local, and tribal governments to form task forces that consist of **government, industry, academia, and consumer groups** and create an effective state-wide infrastructure for outreach, response, and information sharing.
- Meetings funded as part of the FPTF grant aim to foster communication, cooperation, and collaboration, and **provide a forum for all members** to discuss regulation and rules, concerns, needs, and strategies to improve food safety and defense.

Why become a member?

- Members of the KY FPTF are invited to annual meetings, including a round-table discussion where government agencies, industry, academia, and other stakeholders are invited to address food safety and regulatory concerns in a more casual setting.
- Members may become part of smaller workgroups to provide feedback on Food Safety Branch initiatives or rule and regulation adoptions, such as updates to the FDA Food Code.
- All members gain access to the KY FPTF private portal via the FoodSHIELD website. The portal contains a quick link library for state and federal resources, guidance documents, and communication tools such as direct messaging with other members, industry forums, and secure large file transfer.
- Network with other industry members, consumer groups, and other food safety stakeholders to increase collaboration and consistency of food safety practices across the Commonwealth.
- Receive food safety updates from the Food Safety Branch, including notices of regulatory changes.

How do I join?

- The KY FPTF is chaired by the KY Food Safety Branch, including employees specializing in Manufactured Foods, Retail Food, and Rapid Response. To contact the co-chairs, request an invitation to the FPTF, or gain access to the FoodSHIELD portal, please reach out via email at food.safety@ky.gov or via phone at 502-564-7181.

