

Food and COVID-19: Regulatory Approaches to Secure the Food System During the Coronavirus Pandemic

The global pandemic related to the novel coronavirus has altered daily life for food producers and consumers. These changes have affected not only how individuals work but also the way producers supply food, how consumers shop, and how regulators approach the food system during the pandemic. Months into the public health emergency, the story is still being written.

This article contextualizes efforts taken to promote food safety while also mitigating waste and minimizing disruptions to the food supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also discusses the challenges faced by food manufacturers in maintaining the health and safety of their workforce and by consumers in accessing provisions during this time. Finally, the article concludes with potential new developments as food businesses, consumers and regulators adjust to this new reality and, eventually, post-pandemic life.

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