



October Legislative Highlights

RI Legislative Updates At A Glance:

- After 13 community conversations and 500 public comments, Governor Daniel J. McKee and Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos on Friday outlined preliminary recommendations for using federal funding and otherwise responding to the pandemic.
- Public input sessions will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Harry Kizirian Elementary School, 60 Camden Ave., Providence.

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National Legislative Updates At A Glance:

- **FDA Vaccine Panel Recommends Moderna and J&J COVID-19 Boosters with CDC on Deck Next Week:** The FDA's vaccine advisory committee last week voted unanimously to recommend authorization of a half-dose booster shot of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine for people 65 years and older, adults at higher risk of severe

illness because of underlying health conditions and certain frontline essential workers.

- **FDA Food Safety Culture Webinar - November 4:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and STOP Foodborne Illness have extended an invitation to participate in a new webinar series on food safety culture.
- **Letter to FDA Asking for Transparency in Vape MDOs:** FMI joined a letter with other national trade associations asking FDA acting Commissioner Woodcock and Director Zeller to disclose to retailers the names of those vape products for which FDA has issued marketing denial orders (MDOs).
- **Texas EO and Bills; AG Letter to Biden:** On Monday, Texas Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order prohibiting vaccine mandates. Additionally, two Texas bills, HB 155 and SB 51 had hearings this week, and remain pending in committee.

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2022 RIFDA Advertising & Communications Program

As many of you know, we have streamlined our communication process and marketing tools, moving to a more virtual/electronic platform. In the past we offered opportunities for members to support our communication and marketing efforts with some print advertising. This year we are updating that program to a more reflective of current opportunities for members to help offset some of our costs in these areas. As we have not been able to have all of our fundraising events this will offer an opportunity for members to support us. This is a twelve-month program that will run from November 2021 – October 2022. Please consider this opportunity to support the Association.

Here are some of the details:

Platinum Sponsor (\$1,000):

- 6" X 4" Sponsor Ad in Monthly Newsletter Six Times Per Year
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- Dunn's Corner Market

Industry News

Supply Chain Strains to Extend Into Mid-2022, Economists Say

Economists surveyed by the [Wall Street Journal](#) expect supply chain bottlenecks and elevated inflation to persist well into next year and continue to threaten the growth of the U.S. economy. Concerns about COVID-19 as a risk to growth, however, have waned. [Read the Full Story Here](#)

Trucking Will Be Pressured Over the Long Haul

The pressures driving transportation costs upward aren't going away, transportation executives say, but market forces are coming into play that will slowly create a new marketplace balance. [Read the Full Story Here](#)

Retail technology trends that are here to stay

A Software Advice survey of 700 retailers indicates the technological habits embraced by shoppers and retailers since the COVID-19 pandemic began could persist. Trends for small-business owners to watch include omnichannel retail, installment payments and sales on social media. [Read the Full Story Here](#)

Introducing 2 people? Don't surprise them

Don't make introductions without checking with both parties, as you might be forcing an interaction on someone or even causing a conflict of interest, writes Jeffrey Sonnenfeld. "[T]his introduction may, in fact, be a second or third attempt at entry by someone already screened out due to integrity, character or personality -- something the 'friend' of the CEO did not know," Sonnenfeld writes. [Read the Full Story Here](#)



Industry Events

Webinar: Key Concepts in Addressing Food Safety Culture as a Science - Not a Slogan

November 4, 2021 (10:30am - 12:00pm US/Eastern)

The FDA and STOP Foodborne Illness invite you to join Frank Yiannas and Michael Taylor as they kick off a new webinar series that explores food safety culture via a collaborative exchange of ideas and discovery, uses science-based metrics to examine the most-reported gaps in industry initiatives and recognizes the importance of continual improvement. [Register Here](#)

Webinar: Adjacent Land Use Risk

November 4, 2021 (3:30pm - 5:00pm US/Eastern)

Dr. Trevor Suslow, leading expert in produce safety, will discuss site and situational-specific data on adjacent land use risks remains incomplete to provide industry with clear and sensible Best Practice guidance and metrics for preventive controls and standards for verification of mitigation measures. [Register Here](#)

Webinar: Norovirus Season Is Just Around the Corner

November 8, 2021 (1:30pm - 3:00pm US/Eastern)

Winter is coming and winter is norovirus season; get prepared! Join federal, state, and academic subject matter experts for a webinar on this highly contagious virus. [Register Here](#)

Coming Soon - Meetings & Annual Events

November 2021:

- Thurs. Nov. 11th: Office Closed; Veterans Day Holiday Observance
- Wed. Nov. 17th Board of Directors 4th Quarter Meeting (at TBD)
- Thurs. Nov. 25th & Fri. Nov. 26th: Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2021:

- Wed. Dec. 1st: Legislative Committee @ 8 AM
 - Thurs. Dec. 9th: Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:30 AM
 - Fri. Dec. 24th: Office Closed in Observance of the Christmas Holiday
 - Fri. Dec. 31st Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day
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2021 PAC Request RIFDA Needs Your Help

Please consider supporting RIFDA's legislative efforts by supporting our PAC fund.

Last year due to COVID the association did not have a PAC event and we did not solicit contributions as we had sufficient funds on hand and our strategy was to be very conservative with donations as it became clear that due to COVID there would be traditional fundraisers where you had the ability to attend and lobby those present. We had decided to do the same this year until we received a letter from the RI Board of Elections, that noted a requirement (RI Gen. law 17-25) that we need to have 15 donations from individuals in an election cycle.

The association did, in the past 4 months, make three contributions for fundraisers for Senate Leadership, House Leadership and Rep. Bob Craven, Chair of House Judiciary, who has been an advocate and resource for our association for the past few years.

As a result of these donation from our PAC made this year and the need to be able to support those that have supported us next year in an election year, we are asking our members to please contribute to our fund so that we are in compliance with this regulation. We need to have at least 15 members make a donation of \$50 in order to accomplish this.

By way of review these checks must be personal checks and not corporate checks. In the past we asked for \$125 donations. If you could get two donations of \$50 from two different people, we would be able to achieve this goal. It should also be noted the if a personal check is from a joint account each person on the account can submit a separate check from the same account as long as they have two different signatures.

Checks can be mailed to:

Thanks for your consideration and support of the RI Food Dealers.



Satisfied Member?

Spread the Word, Tell Your Industry Friends & Vendors.

As a member, the benefit advantages such as our food safety renewal classes, WIC/EBT updates, legislative representation and updates, national industry affiliations and updates, networking events, energy programs and food industry camaraderie, as well as a number of other initiatives make RIFDA a great opportunity for new members.

Throughout each year there are exciting events as well as sponsorship and advertising opportunities. It is members like yourselves that make this all happen.

With new memberships RIFDA moves into the future as a stronger and more vibrant representative of the Rhode Island food community.

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