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### **About the 2024 Conference**

The 2024 Mid-Continental Association of Food and Drugs Officials (MCAFDO) Annual Educational Conference (AEC) will be held March 5-6, 2024. MCAFDO will also help to co-host the Heartland Food Safety Roundtable discussion. At this time MCAFDO is exploring options to host a pre and/or post-conference workshops. View the draft Agenda below.

### **2024 MCAFDO Conference Draft Agenda**

Once available, a finalized copy of the conference agenda will be posted.





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# Registration Fees & Deadlines

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The following are the corresponding registration fees for the Conference and/or Workshop events:

	Early Registration (Until Feb. 9th)	Late Registration (After Feb. 10th)
2024 MCAFDO Conference	\$175	\$225
2024 MCAFDO Workshop	TBD	TBD
2024 Conference & Workshop	TBD	TBD

Walk-in registrations will be accepted at the door during the first day of the conference; however, they will be subject to payment at the late registration rate per person

### **Policies**

Late registration & fees (Conference Only)	
Refunds & Cancelations	+
Registration payment by Check or Money Order	+
Registration payment by Credit Card	+
Registration payment by Purchase Order Agreement (POA)	+
Registration payment in-person	+

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### 2024 MCAFDO Conference Agenda

Here is a draft version of the 2024 MCAFDO Conference Agenda. The final version is coming soon.

**2024 MCAFDO Conference Draft Agenda** 

## 2024 Heartland Food Safety Roundtable

The Heartland Food Safety Roundtable is anticipated to be held on Tuesday morning, March 5, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The Heartland Food Safety Roundtable meeting consists of State, Local, Regional, and/or Federal regulatory personnel as well as representatives from industry such as food manufacturers (human food and animal food), retail food establishments, and/or food service establishments. The Heartland Food Safety Roundtable is an open forum meeting for hot topics, issues, and updates in the world of food safety for local and national food industry and regulatory professionals. Attendance of the Heartland Food Safety Roundtable is optional and registration is not required to attend this meeting.

Heartland Food Safety Roundtable Agenda (Coming Soon)

### 2024 MCAFDO Workshop(s)

MCAFDO has not finalized plans to host either a pre-conference or post-conference workshop. Additional information about workshops will be included on this site if MCAFDO moves forward with plans to host one or more workshops in conjunction with the 2024 MCAFDO Annual Educational Conference.

### Workshop (Coming Soon)

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# MCAFDO 2024 Educational Conference

	Monday, March 4, 2024	36
8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Workshop – To Be Determined	
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	MCAFDO Board Meeting and Dinner	

Don't forget to visit the tables with the Silent Auction items to see what's going to be available this year!

All funds raised through the auction goes to MCAFDO.

	Tuesday, March 5, 2024	
	Moderator: Hunter Galusha	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast – (on your own)	
9:00 am - 11:15 am	Heartland Food Safety Roundtable – Lenora Howard & Retail Partner	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	REGISTRATION	
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Call to Order & Welcome  Hunter Galusha - MCAFDO President, Nebraska Department of Agriculture  Sherry Vinton, Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture	
12:30 pm – 1:10 pm	Association of Food & Drug Officials Update – Katherine Simon, AFDO President, Minnesota Department of Agriculture & Feed Safety	
1:10 pm - 2:00 pm	Food Fermentation - Heather Hallen-Adams, Associate Professor of Practice, University of Nebraska- Lincoln	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	FSMA Traceability Rule - Melinda Hayman, Consumer Safety Officer, Food & Drug Association (virtual)	
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Break	
	Moderator: Davonna Koebrick	
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Freeze Drying & Potential Food Safety Challenges - Mary-Grace Danao, Research	
	Associate Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
	The Produce Safety Rule as it applies to the Food Chain – Rene Nieto, Texas	
4:15 pm – 4:35 pm	Department of Agriculture & Justin McConaghy, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture	
4:35 pm—4:50 pm	MCAFDO Business Meeting and Awards Presentation	
4:50 pm - 5:00 pm	CLOSING REMARKS & MEETING ADJOURN	

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Wednesday, March 6, 2024		
Moderator: Angela Kohis		
7:00 am – 8:00 am	BREAKFAST (ON YOUR OWN)	
8:00 am – 8:10 am	Announcements	
8:10 am – 9:10 am	AFDO Performance Matrix – Steve Mandernach, Executive Director, Association of Food and Drug Officials	
9:10 am—10:15 am	General Label Requirements (Dietary Supplements & Food) and Label Claims – Lynn Szybist, Director, Division of Food Labeling and Standards (virtual)	
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am 11:00 am	FBI Outbreak Investigation Process – Thao Schlichte, Iowa Food Emergency Rapid Response Team Coordinator	
11:00 am – 12:00 am	Hydroponics: Dual Jurisdiction Challenges – Bart Hawcroft, Missouri Department of Agriculture Produce Safety	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH - PROVIDED	
	Moderator: Lori Woznicki	
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	DiSC Behavioral Assessment – Art Wilson, Executive Business Coach, gener8tor	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Hy-Vee Recall Program – Ellen Ciarimboli, Director, Hy-Vee Retail Compliance & Food Protection, Kyle Oberender, Director, Supply Chain Food Protection & Compliance	
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	BREAK (ANNOUNCE SILENT AUCTION WINNERS)	
3:15 pm—4:00 pm	Complexity of Managing Chemical Limits in Food – Margaret Pandis, Senior Regulatory Affairs Specialist/Toxicologist, Conagra Brands	
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	State Updates - Unique Regulatory Challenges Panel & Discussion - TBD	
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>AFDO STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION - Steve Mandernach, Executive Director, Association of Food and Drug Officials</b>	
4:45 pm – 4:55 pm	New MCAFDO President	
4:55 pm – 5:15 pm	CLOSING REMARKS, PAY FOR SILENT AUCTION, AND MEETING ADJOURN	
Thursday, March 7, 2024		
8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Workshop – To Be Determined	

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### **Hotel Accommodations**

A block of hotel rooms has been secured at the following hotels. Both hotels are within close walking distance from the Scott Conference Center. A valid credit card is required to make reservations:



# Courtyard Omaha Aksarben Village

- 1625 S 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE
- × No free breakfast

Book now

Complete information about amenities, dining, check-in/out times, etc. can be found on the <u>Courtyard website</u>.



## Residence Inn Omaha Aksarben Village

- 1717 South 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE
- Free breakfast

Book now

Complete information about amenities, dining, check-in/out times, etc. can be found on the Residence Inn website.

Reservations can also be made via telephone by mentioning the group code/name "Mid Continental Assn of Food & Drug Officials"

A group rate of \$110 per night (subject to change based upon the current Government Per Diem rate), plus tax (18.16% + \$3.55 per night development fee), is available for single occupancy rooms. The estimated room cost per night with tax and development fees is

\$133.53. The hotel may elect to apply extra charges per person for two or more guests sharing the same guestroom. Group room rates are available from Sunday, March 3, 2024 to Thursday, March 7, 2024. **The cut-off date for making hotel reservations is Monday, February 5, 2024**. Reservation requests received after the cut-off date may be accepted on a space-available basis, or at the rate available at that time.

Guestroom types will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment for room, tax, and all incidental charges is due in full upon checkout. Please check with the hotel to determine methods of accepted payment and room cancellation requirements. Guests desiring special consideration for late checkout should inquire with the hotel desk on the day of arrival and/or departure. Additional fees may be applicable depending upon the hotel's individual policies.

### **Travel Authorization**

MCAFDO EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE ONLY - MARCH 5-6, 2024

- Arrive Monday, March 4, 2024
- Depart Wednesday or Thursday, March 6-7, 2024

### **Travel Funding Opportunities**

MCAFDO has re-applied for the FDA's Scientific Small Conference Grant. If awarded, MCAFDO intends to offer scholarship funding to eligible State and/or Local (non-federal employees) agencies to aid and assist with travel costs. Upon request and availability of funds, eligible agencies and/or individuals can request reimbursement for travel costs in conjunction with the 2024 MCAFDO Conference and Workshops. Scholarships for reimbursement of travel costs include expenses such as lodging, mileage, airfare, baggage fees, taxi fees, and similar travel expenses. Reimbursements cannot be issued for meals, conference registrations, membership fees, and/or incidental expenses. If you, or your agency, plan to utilize the travel reimbursement opportunity, please take time to complete the 2024 MCAFDO Travel Scholarship Application. Requests for travel reimbursement will be handled on a first-serve basis and availability of funding. MCAFDO does not guarantee a request for full funding can be honored.

**2024 MCAFDO Travel Scholarship Application** 

## **Airport & Ground Transportation**



There are 2 airports near the conference site in Omaha. More detailed information can be viewed below:

### Omaha Eppley Airfield (OMA)

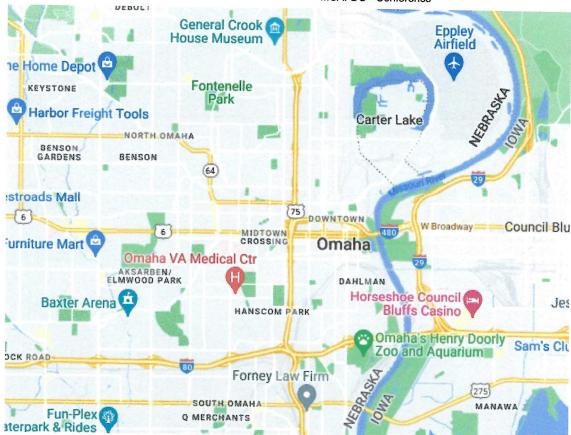
Lincoln Airport (LNK)

Omaha Eppley Airfield is the closest airport option in proximity to the 2024 MCAFDO Conference site. Omaha Eppley Airfield is approximately twelve miles from the Scott Conference Center and Courtyard and Residence Inn hotels. The estimated travel time from Omaha Eppley Airfield to the conference site and hotels is 20 to 30 minutes depending upon traffic. There are a number of ground transportation services to the hotel sites such as taxis, rental cars, shuttles, ride share, etc.

Use the following web links to access additional information about ground transportation services available at Omaha Eppley Airfield:

- Airport Maps
- Rental Cars
- Local Transportation and Hotel Shuttles
- Taxi Service
- Ride App Pickup (Uber or Lyft)

Google Map directions from Eppley Airport to the conference location



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