



U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Virtual Listening Sessions Food Allergen Thresholds and Their Potential Applications

**February 19-20, 2026
10-11:30 a.m. ET and 2-3:30 p.m. ET**

Listening Session Expectations and Protocols

The purpose of the listening sessions is to offer participants the opportunity to provide feedback on food allergen thresholds and their potential applications. To help the listening sessions run smoothly and efficiently, please refer to the list of listening session expectations and protocols listed below.

- State your name and organization when speaking
 - There will be no time for introductions at the start of the session so please identify yourself and where you are from when speaking.
 - You may turn on your camera while speaking if you wish.
- Active participation
 - All participants are encouraged to engage in the discussion.
 - Keep comments concise (2 minutes) to allow time for more people to participate.
- Constructive dialogue
 - Dialogue involves listening as well as talking.
 - Shape comments and ideas to help advance the discussion.
 - Stay on topic.
- Respectful engagement
 - While strong opinions are certainly expected and appropriate, they can be best heard and discussed in a respectful manner.
 - Participants are asked to respect different points of view.
- Remember to post comments to the docket
 - Please remember to post your comments to the docket in addition to participating in the listening session.
- Please freely share your thoughts and ideas—this is an opportunity for FDA and other stakeholders to hear from you.

Note: In addition to the opportunities provided at the public meeting and listening sessions for participants to express their views, the Agency will open a public docket for written comments on February 18, 2026. Comments to the docket will be due by 11:59 p.m. ET on May 19, 2026.

Listening Session Logistics

There are four listening session topics: Session A – Food allergen threshold concepts, Session B – Applications of food allergen thresholds – Labeling perspectives, Session C – Applications of food allergen thresholds – Manufacturing perspectives, and Session D – Practical considerations for adopting food allergen thresholds. All sessions will be offered each day, with two concurrent sessions in the morning and the other two concurrent sessions in the afternoon to provide people in different regions an opportunity to participate. Each session will have a [standard set of questions](#) that will be used each time the session is offered.

The listening sessions will be administered through Zoom. Those who have registered by February 3, 2026, will receive confirmation and instructions on how to participate in the listening session(s) of their choice. Each listening session is allotted 90 minutes, with 85 minutes dedicated to direct feedback from attendees. We will ask four questions during each session and spend about 20 minutes discussing each question.

All participants will be muted upon entering the listening session. Participants wishing to contribute should use Zoom’s “raise hand” feature. The facilitator will call on individuals in the order in which hands are raised. When called on, participants will be asked to share their name and organization/affiliation. To ensure everyone has a chance to share their thoughts and ideas, we ask that participants keep remarks succinct – around 2 minutes. Technical support and/or logistical questions may be directed to foodallergenspublicmeeting@fda.hhs.gov. Brief statements may also be entered into the chat.

If participants have additional ideas or recommendations that are not heard during the listening session, participants are encouraged to submit them to the docket at Regulations.gov. A summary of themes shared through listening sessions will be posted to the FDA website. The listening sessions will not be recorded.