



## **COVID-19 Food Response and Policy Inventory Methodology**

In speaking with the Center's vast network of food systems stakeholders, a persistent need came to light for a consolidated source of information to monitor the food system's responses and actions taken around COVID-19. This preliminary inventory provides organizations and companies with information to grasp the current landscape and opportunity to reflect on the efficacy and types of responses.

The inventory includes individual tabs for each of the following food system stakeholder groups: nonprofits, retailers, and restaurants. Given the overwhelming response from the food system to COVID-19, we've also included an "other industry" tab to reflect a diverse group of additional for-profit companies that touch the food system.

To be included as a nonprofit, retailer, or restaurant, the organization must operate in at least three states or serve one of the ten most populous areas in the US and affect food access—either directly or through donations—or provide support for essential workers.

This tool also includes a policy tab, highlighting federal policies, regulatory actions and waivers, and other federal actions directly impacting food access.

All information is compiled from publicly available sources, including organizations' websites, food systems media blasts, trade association press releases, government websites, and official company social media accounts. To create an objective inventory, organizations must meet the inclusion criteria outlined for each stakeholder group (defined in the tool itself).

This inventory is a living document, updated on Tuesday and Thursday each week on the Milken Institute website. We welcome updates from food systems stakeholders addressing COVID-19. Please fill out the details in [this form](#) to suggest additional content.