FDA presentation will cover new food safety rules

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Fairbanks, Alaska— The Food and Drug Administration says that proposed new federal food safety rules will significantly affect growers, packers and food processors.

Charles Breen, director of the Seattle FDA district office, will talk about the proposed rules regarding produce and preventive control for human food from 1 to 5 p.m. April 25 at the Muldoon Library in Anchorage. There will be live streaming of the presentation at the Homer Library, the Delta Career Advancement Center and the Butrovich Building, Room 108 A and B, on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus, or online at bit.ly/fda-rules.

The rules relate to the FDA Food Safety and Modernization Act, which was signed into law in 2011. FDA says it represents the most sweeping reform of the country’s food safety laws in more than 70 years.

Breen’s presentation is sponsored by the UAF Cooperative Extension Service and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. For more information on the Food Safety Modernization Act and proposed rules, visit the FDA website at www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA. Members of the food industry may submit relevant comments regarding the rules to the agency by May 16.

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