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**Webcast: The Future of Dining Out  
Jan. 15 Event Features Sysco and National Restaurant Association**

GLADSTONE, Mo. – Tues., Jan. 5, 2021 – After an initial plunge during spring 2020 lockdowns and resulting closures nationwide, sales at the country’s restaurants were on an upswing. But surging winter lockdowns have slowed sales once again in what is being described as an “economic freefall” by the National Restaurant Association. Current realities, predictions for the restaurant industry in 2021 and new research on consumer attitudes will be discussed during CFI NOW: The Future of Dining Out, Fri., Jan. 15, from 1 to 1:30 p.m. CT.

Hosted by Charlie Arnot, CEO of The Center for Food Integrity (CFI), the webcast features Hudson Riehle, senior vice president of research at the National Restaurant Association, and Neil Russell, senior vice president of corporate affairs and chief communications officer at Sysco.

Arnot will share recent digital ethnography research detailing consumer attitudes and priorities when it comes to restaurant dining, while Riehle and Russell will provide updates on the state of the industry, success stories, specific trends and how the industry can continue to adapt for success post-pandemic.

Register for the free webinar via the [CFI NOW](#) link at [www.foodintegrity.org](http://www.foodintegrity.org).

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