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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Changes to Food Code

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Free Food Safety Posters

You can find free, printable food safety posters on our website:

www.cuphd.org

Click on Environmental Health and then Food Safety.

Also see our site for new restaurant listings, application forms, and information about all of the other services that CCPHD offers!

On July 10, 2008, the Illinois Department of Public Health adopted amendments to the Food Service Sanitation Code. These changes in the food code will be adopted by the Champaign County Health Department soon. Due notice of the amendments and interpretations will be provided for food service establishments prior to the enforcement of these changes. A complete list of the amendments will soon be available on our website. Below is a brief overview of selected changes in the food code.

Hot Storage: The internal temperature of potentially hazardous food (PHF) requiring hot storage shall be 135 degrees Fahrenheit or above.

Time as a Public Health Control: Time only, rather than time in conjunction with temperature, may be used as a public health control so long as the PHF has a temperature below 41 degrees Fahrenheit or above 135 degrees Fahrenheit when removed from temperature control and the PHF

is consumed or discarded within four hours from the time the temperature control was removed. Written procedures must be easily accessible and approved by CCPHD prior to using time only.

Definition of Potentially Hazardous Food (PHF): The definition of PHF will include cut tomatoes. The definition of PHF will exclude shell-intact pasteurized eggs.

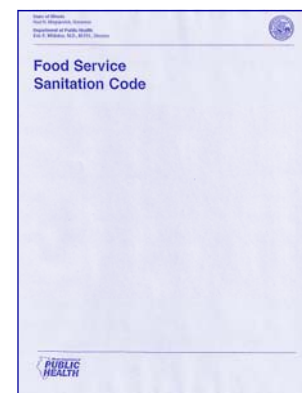
Employee Practices: A foodservice employee may drink from a closed beverage container if the container is handled to prevent contamination of the container itself, the employee's hands and any exposed food or food contact surfaces.

Some other areas that include changes are:

Ready-to-Eat Potentially Hazardous Foods: Date Marking & Disposition

When & Where to Wash Hands

Reheating for Hot Holding



Champaign County Food Service Sanitation Rules and Regulations

The Illinois Food Service Sanitation Code is adopting amendments based on the FDA's Model Food Code, which reflects current science, emerging food safety issues and eminent health hazards related to food safety. The purpose of the FDA code is to safeguard public health by ensuring that food is safe, unadulterated and honestly presented, which will prevent illnesses caused from ingesting food.

Labor Statistics

Champaign County Food Preparation & Serving Related Occupations (U.S. Dept. of Labor 5/2007)	Number of Employed	Median Hourly Wage	Mean Hourly	Mean Annual
	10,360	\$8.16	\$9.15	\$19,030

Medical Reserve Corps

We received a Medical Reserve Corps Grant to create a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) in Champaign County. Volunteers are needed as the MRC begins its growing stages. These volunteers include both medical and public health professionals (active or retired) such as physicians, nurses, dentists, epidemiologists, pharmacists, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics. All other members from the local community can participate in the Champaign County MRC as well. Others, from office workers, chaplains, and legal advisors to grocery workers and interpreters, can greatly help with vital support positions.

According to the Medical Reserve Corps website (medicalreservecorps.gov), "The Medical Reserve Corps Program coordinates the skills of practicing and retired physicians, nurses and other health professionals as well as other citizens interested in health issues, who are eager to volunteer to address their community's ongoing public health needs and to help their community during large-scale emergency situations."

After President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, the Medical Reserve Corps was established to provide support and volunteerism throughout America. Among the 45

current MRC units in Illinois, we are partnered with a program called Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers devoted to solidify hometown security. In addition to Citizen Corps, the MRC closely works with Freedom Corp, AmeriCorps, and the Peace Corps, all of which are advocates of volunteerism and service nationwide.

If anyone is interested in joining the Champaign County Medical Reserve Corps, please feel free to contact John Dwyer at jdwyer@cuphd.org or 217.531.2932. You may also contact Raymond Mucha at rmucha@cuphd.org or 217.531.2933.

Champaign County Board of Health

THE MISSION OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TO PROMOTE HEALTH, PREVENT DISEASE AND LESSEN THE IMPACT OF ILLNESS THROUGH EFFECTIVE USE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

The Champaign County Public Health Department is directed by the County Board of Health consisting of nine members, appointed by the County

Board Chair to three year, staggered terms.

The board is responsible for disease control, and the physical and environmental health of County residents. The board sets policy, enforcement procedures, and determines fees.

If you are interested in finding out what will be discussed at future board meetings, or you'd like to attend a board meeting or study session, you can find the meeting schedule at this website:

<http://www.co.champaign.il.us/boardofhealth/2008bohagenda.htm>.

Posting Inspections

Are you required to post a copy of your inspection? No. There are no state laws or local ordinances, nor is it required by Illinois Department of Public Health program standards. However, there are some facilities who may wish to do this. If you would like to post a copy of your inspection for your clientele, please ask your inspector to print a second copy of the inspection report for you.

Public Health Logo

The Champaign County Public Health Department has a new logo. It was designed by the National Association of County and City Health Officials for local health departments to use as part of a national identity. It will help increase the visibility of local health departments and public understanding about what they do. It has the potential to become universally recognized and understood, in much the same

way the symbol for the Red Cross has become so familiar over time.



County Inspector

Rhett Eskew, Sanitarian IT, has been inspecting food services in Champaign-Urbana since being hired in August 2007. He will now be conducting food, well, sewage and tanning inspections in the county area (outside C-U). Rhett has a BS degree in Elementary Education with a Biology concentration from Southern Illinois University.

