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FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS: IMPORTANT UPDATE NOTICE: PLEASE READ

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The purpose of this letter is to inform you that **ON FEBRUARY 17, 2023 THE STATE of CONNECTICUT ADOPTED THE FDA MODEL FOOD CODE**. As a result, as of this date, we all have to follow the FDA Food Code as our new Connecticut regulations for operating a food service.

Here are some of the more notable changes:

- **Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certificates (was QFO) now expire after 5 years. If your certificate does not have an expiration date on it, it is considered expired.**
- CFPM can only be for one location.
- **All Class 2, 3 and 4 food services are required to have a CFPM on site whenever food prep is occurring. That means you will most likely need multiple people that are certified.**
- You must provide handwashing signs at each handsink, including toilet rooms.
- New inspection forms will be used for inspections and there are no more rating scores (see enclosed). "Priority" items must be corrected within 72 hours (temperatures). "Priority foundation" items must be corrected within 10 days. "Core" items must be corrected within 90 days.
- You will have to have a vomit/diarrhea written cleanup procedure for your establishment.
- You must label all food prepared or transferred from original container with the food name and date. All prepared food must be discarded after 7 days.
- If you have a hot water dishwasher, you must have a temperature measuring device to test the temperature of the dishwasher.

The change in the code will affect us all as we work through the different requirements and inspection forms. We are committed to work with you to operate in compliance with the new code. **Please visit our website for useful resources, including CFPM courses, sample signs and procedures: www.meridenhealth.com**. Please call me at 203-630-4282 with questions.

Sincerely,

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