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To: All Licensed Food Service Operators/Owners
From: CHESPROCOTT HEALTH DISTRICT

Re: IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FDA Model Food Code Adoption

Dear Operator/Owner,

On July 21, 2017, Public Act 17-93 was passed. This act requires the state to adopt the **FDA Model Food Code** beginning **July 1, 2018**. Some changes take effect sooner and will directly impact your establishment. This adoption will help to standardize Connecticut with most of the country and will result in a variety of changes for food establishments in CT.

Our goal at Chesprocott is to keep you informed and offer clarification through all of the changes. As we receive guidance from the State Department of Public Health, we will send out more information. Plans for Spring 2018 training offered by CHD will be made and sent out once finalized. During those trainings, we will offer more guidance on the transition.

Important dates to know:

- **Effective October 1, 2017 – NEW TEMPERATURES!** Cold holding will change to **41 degrees F.** or less. Hot holding will change to **135 degrees F.** or higher.
- **Effective October 1, 2017 – NEW CLASSIFICATIONS!** Classes 1 through 4 will remain, but definitions will change. You may stay the same, or you may change based on the FDA definitions. We will reevaluate your classification but will not reassess your current licensing fee until the new licensing year (July 1, 2018). All food service operators will be notified once the fee schedule has been changed. Please see the attached Circular Letter from DPH regarding classification changes. This document is helpful for clarification.
- **Effective July 1, 2018 – ADOPTION of the FDA MODEL FOOD CODE!** On this date, all changes to the code will be finalized. More information to come!

As we embark on this new and exciting change, we welcome questions and concerns. We look forward to strengthening our relationships with our local Food Service Operators!



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