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TO: All Retail Food Establishments

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SUBJECT: NEW Colorado Food Code Effective January 1, 2019

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Over the past year, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) has conducted a series of stakeholder meetings relating to the adoption of a new food code. Multiple industry and local regulatory partners participated throughout the stakeholder process. CDPHE recommended that Colorado adopt the, science based, U.S. Food and Drug Administration's 2013 model Food Code and the 2015 Supplement as Colorado's new food code. On November 15, 2017 the Colorado Board of Health voted to adopt this new code.

The date of implementation of the new code will be **January 1, 2019**. With the implementation date being over 13 months away, CDPHE will be working with our local public health and industry partners to provide guidance and training to ensure a smooth transition to the new regulations.

The new code and guidance are available at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/food-code-transition>

The adoption of the 2013 FDA Model Food Code, that will be implemented on **January 1, 2019**, does include some operational changes for ALL retail food establishments. Those changes include, but are not limited to:

- Certified Food Protection Managers
- Proper Date Marking of ready to eat foods that have to be maintained cold to be safe
- Procedures in place for the proper cleanup of a vomiting or diarrheal event
- Handwashing signs at all handwashing sinks used by employees

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Troy Huffman at troy.huffman@state.co.us or (303)692-3664.

