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To: Directors of Health, Chief Sanitarians, Certified Food Inspectors, and Candidates

From: Jenna Nicol, Section Chief, Environmental Health

Re: FDA Releases Supplement to 2022 Food Code

The Food Protection Program (FPP) wishes to inform you that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has released the [Supplement to the 2022 Food Code](#). The FDA receives recommendations for consideration from the bi-annual meeting of the Conference for Food Protection (CFP). These recommendations are reviewed and used to update the code with current practices and science to reduce the incidence of risk factors known to cause foodborne illness.

Connecticut General Statute 19a-36h, as it pertains to the adoption of the United States Food and Drug Administration's Food Code, acknowledges the Food Code as the state's food code, specifically acknowledging the FDA's intent to periodically amend the food code by issuing supplements per Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) 19a-36h-2(a)(1).

All staff that are certified to conduct food inspections or working to become certified, should review the attached supplement and have a copy available during inspections. While a majority of the changes address structural/formatting issues there are some items that are more substantial. Including, but not limited to:

- New and amended definitions in Chapter 1.
- Section 3-304.17 had significant changes to "Refilling Returnables" and how containers may be refilled with food to prevent contamination.
- The addition of Chapter 4-10, addressing disinfection.
- The addition of Section 8-201.15 "When a Food Safety Management System is Required," which establishes requirements for a food safety management system.

Please direct any questions/concerns to the FPP email, DPH.FoodProtProg@ct.gov

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