



Cooper County Public Health Center

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Food Code Change

Effect August 28, 2014, Food Code Amendments in 196 RSMo section 196.056.1 will now supersede 196.291.1. The Cooper County Public Health Center has awaited interpretation by the Department of Health and Senior Services and is now distributing the changes for implementation:

- A non-profit organization may prepare food in a private home or other area for distribution to the end consumer at a charitable fundraising event. While not required, the Cooper County Public Health Center STRONGLY ENCOURAGES organizations to display a placard declaring that the food was made in a non-inspected kitchen. Placards are available at the CCPHC at no cost.
- This change does **not** apply to existing regulated food service establishments.
- This amendment does **NOT negate or rescind** the City and County Health Regulation for Mandatory Food Service Education classes for non-profit or regulated facilities. Health Regulation #1 requires even charitable non-profit organizations to have food handler classes and one trained person must be working the event at all times. The food handler card is good for three years and our records indicate many must be renewed at this time. It remains the liability and responsibility of the service organization hosting the event/booth to provide proof of training to the health inspectors upon request. ***We strongly encourage organizations to maintain an updated list of food handler volunteers and provide it to the health center once a year.*** This organizational initiative will greatly decrease the likelihood an inspector will attend your event and request proof of training.
- This change in law does **not** absolve the hosting non-profit service organization of responsibility to follow safe food handling practices, provide temperature control and proper sanitation.
- ***Any complaints received by the Cooper County Public Health Center will be investigated regardless of the status of the hosting organization.***
- The staff of the Cooper County Public Health Center remain committed to supporting our community events. Our office will continue to provide educational resources, food safety equipment and technical assistance. We encourage organizations to call for assistance to ensure a healthy, safe event.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Laura Mauzey, Sue Wilman and/or Melanie Hutton at 882-2626.

TEMPORARY HANDWASHING STATION



REQUIREMENTS:

- A 5 gallon (minimum) container with...
- Spigot that provides a continuous flow of...
- Running water
- Liquid soap in a pump dispenser
- Paper towels, and...
- A 5 gallon bucket (or same size as clean water receptacle) to collect the dirty water

