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Retail Food Inspection Guide Introduction

Placer County Environmental Health is responsible for the oversight of retail food safety within Placer County. We conduct routine and complaint inspections, food borne illness investigations, and plan review and construction inspections for all retail food facilities within Placer County. These food facilities include such facilities as markets, restaurants, temporary food facilities (community events), school cafeterias, catering and mobile food facilities. Our main goal is the protection of public health by reducing the potential of food borne illness in our communities.

Primary responsibility for food safety is in the hands of the owner, operators, and facility staff. This guide was developed to provide food facility operators and employees with the knowledge of proper food handling and food safety. Improved knowledge of the food safety risk factors for food borne illness, behavioral changes, and improved practices of the food handlers will help reduce the occurrence of food borne illnesses.

This guide will also provide the information to help understand our inspection program and inspection report. This guide includes a "Pre-Inspection Checklist" which is intended to aid in compliance, a better understanding of the inspection report, and what will be examined during the inspection. It also includes a list of common terminology, a discussion of the "Food Safety Risk Factors" and the related "Public Health Interventions".

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