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# ADVISORY LETTER

**To:** Food Service Establishments  
**From:** Terence M. Hayes, R.S., C.H.O.  
Health Director  
**Date:** October 1, 2010  
**Re:** Revisions to 105 CMR 590.000: **State Sanitary Code Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has promulgated revisions to Chapter X of the State Sanitary Code. As of October 1, 2010, all food establishments that cook, prepare, or serve food intended for immediate consumption either on or off the premises are required to:

- Affix to all menus and menu boards a notice that shall state: *Before placing your order, please inform your server if a person in your party has a food allergy.*
- Prominently display in the employee work area a poster approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, no smaller than 8.5 by 11 inches, relating to major food allergens. The poster shall include the following information:
  - Major food allergens;
  - Health risks of food allergies;
  - Procedure to follow when a customer states that he or she has a food allergy; and
  - Emergency procedure to follow if a customer has an allergic reaction to a food.

Please be aware that Mass DPH requires the allergen notice on menus posted on-line as well as in the phone book.

We have included with this advisory the following:

- A copy of the revisions to the regulation;
- A copy of the Mass DPH approved poster;
- Directions for downloading this poster from the internet; and
- Q&As for MDPH Allergen Awareness Regulation

Please call us at (508) 760-6158 if you have any further questions.