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MENU FORMATTING

The State Sanitary Code, Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (105 CMR 590.000) requires specific statements on menus. When these statements are missing, it is a priority risk factor related to foodborne illness.

ALLERGEN AWARENESS WORDING AND SIGNAGE

Every menu requires an Allergen Awareness Statement.

Post statement in menus (including take-out, drive-through, and website menus), on the menu board, or at the counter where food is ordered (use the exact wording):

“Before placing your order, please inform your server if a person in your party has a food allergy.”

Post in lettering that is no smaller than the smallest font on the menu board or in the menu. The customer needs to be able to read it.

CONSUMER ADVISORY WORDING AND SIGNAGE

If you offer raw, under-cooked, or cooked to a customer’s order items as part of your food service, you are required to provide a Consumer Advisory notification that **discloses and reminds** consumers of the increased risk associated with consuming foods in raw or undercooked form.

If raw, undercooked or food cooked-to-order is served, insert the following in menus (including take-out, drive-through, and website menus) and on menu boards:

1. Asterisk (*) food items that may be served raw or undercooked, such as hamburgers, steak or eggs cooked to order, raw fish, shellfish, and raw egg Caesar salad.
2. At the bottom of the menu state either of the following statements (**EXACT WORDING**), no smaller than 11 size font (the same size as this type):

“*These items are cooked to order and may be served raw or undercooked. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.”

OR

“*These items are cooked to order and may be served raw or undercooked. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.”

REMINDER: Item(s) made with ground meat (such as a hamburger) offered on a Children’s Menu shall not be served in a raw or undercooked form.