



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

### EHS Circular Letter #2011-51

To: Local Directors of Health  
Chief Sanitarians  
Certified Food Inspectors

From: Christine Applewhite, RS; Food Protection Program

Date: August 30, 2011

Subject: **Additional Assistance and Re-opening Procedures for Foodservice Establishments After Hurricane Irene**

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The CT Department of Public Health Food Protection Program (FPP), in conjunction with the Local Health Administration (LHA), conducted a brief telephone questionnaire today to assess whether or not individual local health departments are anticipating the need for additional resources relating to reopening procedures of foodservice establishments.

If a local health department determines a need for additional resources as the week moves forward, you should contact your ESF 8 Regional Chair and the Department of Public Health LHA to request assistance. Additionally, if your department can provide assistance as needed to other local health jurisdictions throughout the state please be sure to notify the ESF 8 Regional Chair and LHA of this as well. Hurricane Irene has had a significant impact on some jurisdictions and any assistance that can be provided will be greatly appreciated by the receiving local health jurisdiction.

Although an inspection is not mandatory for foodservice establishments that were not issued a closure notice to re-open and resume operations, the FPP recommends that food service establishments that have been significantly impacted be evaluated by the regulatory authority prior to re-opening. Such an evaluation will determine whether or not the establishment can safely prepare food.

For additional information and resources, please refer to Circular Letter #2011-49 or contact the Food Protection Program at (860)509-7297 or the Local Health Administration at (860)509-7660.

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