




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #6-15
Recall Notifications and Public Health Alerts

Periodically, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will issue recall notices and public health alerts based on information that was received from one of the following agencies referenced below. As stewards of the school Child Nutrition Programs, it is strongly recommended that each school food authority sign-up to receive timely recall notifications directly from the agencies listed below.

Two government agencies that issue notifications are:

1. The Food Safety and Inspection Service ([FSIS](#)) - the public health agency in the U.S. Department of Agriculture which is responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged. For information pertaining to registering for recalls and public health alerts click on [FSIS Recall Notices](#).
2. The US Food and Drug Administration ([FDA](#)) – the agency that is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy and security of many issues including the nation's food supply. To sign – up for recalls from the FDA click on [Food Safety](#).

Additionally, the Connecticut Department of Public Health ([DPH](#)) is the State agency that is responsible for public health in Connecticut. The DPH [Food Protection Program's](#) overall mission is to reduce the risk of foodborne disease by ensuring reasonable protection from contaminated food and improving the sanitary condition of food establishments. This is accomplished by enforcement of regulations, training and education, technical consultation, special investigations, and food safety promotion. The DPH currently does not have an e-mail distribution list that is distributed statewide; however, they do notify the CSDE when there are recall notices that pertain to Connecticut. These recall notices are based on the recalls that are issued by the FSIS or the FDA.

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