Email to Food Protection Working Group from Gerrin Cheek-Butler, Director of Food Protection Friday, March 20, 2020 10:30am

Re: COVID-19 Please Distribute to Restaurants and Bars

Hello,

I hope this finds you in good health.

As things are changing not just day-by-day, sometimes hour-by-hour, during this COVID19 response, we have made some changes to the way we are conducting inspections, to keep our employees and the operators safe. As well as ease some the regulatory burden while protecting public health and food safety.

- 1. We are not issuing citations for food establishments.
- 2. We are not requiring a signature for the inspection reports.
- 3. We are complying with social distancing recommendation by the CDC guidelines.
- 4. We are providing the operator with a copy of both the inspection and summary reports.
- 5. We are not upgrading previous minor/core violations for enforcement action.
- 6. We are focusing inspections on priority violations that lead to foodborne illness and employee health policies, with the effort to ensure ill employees are not working.
- 7. We are providing guidance to food establishments that are operating during this time.

Many of the conference call platforms have not be operating effectively. I may be able to work on organizing a call next week. I will keep you all posted.

Thank you for all that you do for food safety, it is not going unnoticed.

Best,

Gerrin Cheek-Butler
Director of Food Protection