

## Responses to Q and A during the Winter Regionals

Questions asked in black and OHA responses in green

### Food Program:

- Will we have 88's for the changes to ensure information provided is documented on the reports for 2027? **Yes.**
- Is FPLHS sending out the significant changes document to operators via email or are LPHAs doing that? **LPHA inspectors will hand them out to each operator and have them sign them during each inspection for the first half of 2026.**
- Would the 2-inch requirement apply to foods that start cooling at room temperature (pico de gallo, cole slaw, tuna salad, etc) and large cuts of cooked meat? **Yes, it would be for all cooling operations. "Large cuts" of meat would need to be sliced into to 2-inch slabs in a single layer or they could use the traditional historical cooling methods instead.**
- Is thawing being moved to Pf? It is in the draft. **Yes, this is a change from the 2009 Food Code and parts of 3-501.13 are now Pf.**
- Is the bare hand contact option going to cost the operators money similar to a variance? **There is no charge for reviewing a waiver for a facility requesting it at this time.**
- With some of the food manager courses, if they choose an online course, there's often a proctoring/testing fee. Did the chart account for these fees? **Yes.**
- Could a link to the 79-year study be added to the barehand contact factsheet? **This has been added to the notes for the Prohibition of Bare Hand Contact fact sheet.**
- Are we going to get 2022 FDA Food Code hard copies sent out? **No, we have not sent out hardcopies of the rules to counties for many years since most inspectors store the rules electronically on their devices for easy searching and the demand has dropped. But we will provide a printable format on the web for anyone that would like to print a copy locally.**
- Do you have an estimated timeframe for when fact sheets will be updated? **We have completed our review of the fact sheets and will start sending out drafts to counties for feedback in January. Drafts will be shared in small batches, with approximately a two-week turnaround for time for comments. As we discussed in the meeting, the fact sheets will be considered as draft documents for the first six months of the year, and we will update them based on feedback from use in the field and operator questions.**

### Pool Program:

- Aren't you required to still have an alternative means of communication for emergencies? **Correct, existing facilities without an emergency telephone within the enclosure area or other approved area should already have an alternate means of communication (e.g., intercom system or walkie talkies that connect to staff that has access to call 911) that should have been approved during pre-licensing.**
- Could OHA mark closure violations as such in their headers within Healthspace? **Yes! If you search on "closure" or "07" in HealthSpace it will pull up the entire list of closure items together.**