On August 21, 2017, much of Oregon will experience a total solar eclipse. Whether you are in the path of totality or on the periphery, you will likely be affected by the eclipse in some way. Many people are using the event as an opportunity to sell food or provide accommodations to the estimated one million people that are expected to visit Oregon. This fact sheet provides an overview of the regulatory requirements and guidance to help you navigate the event with links to more detailed information.

**Food Safety**

In addition to food service provided to attendees at mass gatherings and other organized events, you should expect that several food vendors will “pop-up” to serve the public. This could include existing licensed restaurants that set up operations outside their facility on the sidewalk or street, members of the public vending food from their homes or mobile units arriving from other jurisdictions.

Although the actual numbers of food vendors you encounter will not be known until the eclipse occurs, you should plan ahead to anticipate staffing and workload needs. Every effort should be made to meet the statutory licensing and inspection requirements. As you prioritize your work, you may want to take the following recommendations into consideration:

**Higher Priority:**

Food service at large events, complex menu, advanced preparation or cooling, serving a high risk population, a history of food safety violations or unlicensed mobile units from other states.

**Lower Priority:**

Mobile units licensed in other counties in Oregon, low-risk foods, benevolent temporary restaurants, licensed restaurants that expand beyond their normal operation and surveillance for unlicensed temporary vendors.
Recreational Parks
Temporary overnight camping facilities established for the eclipse are subject to the licensing and inspection requirements in the recreation park rules. This includes any temporary RV and tent camping locations that provide more than two spaces for rent. There are many public health concerns associated with temporary camping facilities, such as adequate water, toilet and garbage facilities. In fact, the large number of events occurring in Oregon has created a shortage of portable toilet facilities.
Guidelines on how to prioritize and approach the public health needs of these camping sites are included on the Temporary Recreational Park Guidance document.

Outdoor Mass Gatherings
Several large events are planned in conjunction with the eclipse. A permit is required from the county for gatherings attended by more than 3,000 persons for more than 24 hours but less than 120 hours within any three month period. You may want to review the Outdoor Mass Gathering statute, rules and guidance document before the event.

For gatherings smaller than 3,000 people, many counties have adopted ordinances establishing event size and public health requirements. Some examples of county permit applications are those used in Washington and Marion counties.

Swimming Pools and other Water Recreation
The eclipse occurs in one the hottest months of the year and in areas of Oregon that are subject to some of the highest temperatures in the state. Therefore, you may see temporary swimming or other water recreation activities that are established for the event. In general, portable swimming facilities, such as hot tubs, inflatable pools or other container pools are not allowed. Some water recreation activities, such as water slides or play features, may be conducted if the recommendations on our Temporary Pool Guidance document are followed.

Enforcement
You may want to consult with your local law enforcement or legal counsel in advance of the eclipse to discuss support available for enforcement of food, pool and lodging regulations that may be necessary.
ORS 624.990 and 624.992 specify the criminal and civil penalties for operating a food service operation without a license.

For vendors that refuse to discontinue operating, you should document it in writing and with photographs, if possible.

Requests for help should go through the Oregon Health Authority by emailing Dave Martin at david.c.martin@state.or.us