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GREETINGS!

Your current Retail Food Service Permit will expire on December 31, 2017. You will find your renewal application in the enclosed materials. Please complete the application and remit with payment to 650 N. 20th Steet, East St. Louis, IL. 62205. Our office is open Monday-Friday, 8-12:45 and 2-4 p.m., excluding Holidays. Personal checks are not accepted.

In addition, you must complete and submit the Hepatitis A Vaccination Notice and the Certified Food Manager Verification form for your establishment.

There are some changes coming in the 2018 calendar year:

The Illinois Department of Public Health has adopted a new food code, which is a combination of the 2013 FDA Food Code and our previous food code. Please refer to: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/retail-food> for details. East Side Health District tentatively plans to begin implementation of the new code in January 2018. Retail food establishments will notice a new inspection form once implementation begins. Letter grades will no longer be given on inspections.

Under the new code, establishments will be required to have an Employee Health Plan and a Procedure for the Clean Up of Vomit and Diarrhea. We have enclosed templates that you may use at your facility. These documents, along with the proposed inspection form, are available on our website: www.eastsidehealthdistrict.org.

The State of Illinois will no longer be issuing a separate Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification (FSSMC), effective January 1, 2018. Category 1 & 2 establishments will still be required to have an ANSI accredited Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification.

More information may be obtained at: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/fssmc>

Beginning January 1, 2018, Allergen Awareness Training will be required for individuals working in a high risk (Category I) restaurant and who hold a Certified Food Protection Manager certificate. The training in allergen awareness from an ANSI accredited provider must be completed within 30 days of employment and every 3 years. Enforcement will begin July 1, 2018.

East Side Health District reviewed inspection data for the 2016 calendar year and determined that the three top violations were:

- 1) Food-contact surfaces were not cleaned and sanitized
- 2) Adequate handwashing sinks were not properly supplied & accessible
- 3) Food was not in good condition, safe & unadulterated.

Educational materials that address these violations have been provided in this packet.

Please contact the Environmental Health Division at: (618)-271-8722, ext. 538, should you have questions.

Sincerely,
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