

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Rhode Island Food Code (216-RICR-50-10-1)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-50-10-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 11/17/2020

End of Public Comment: 12/17/2020

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 21-27 and 23-1

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This regulation is being promulgated to update the incorporated by reference of the FDA Food Code from the 2013 version to the 2017 version; create various new definitions; provide procedures for excluding employees when they have Salmonella; provide procedures for food establishments to obtain drinking water for their establishments; provide details on how food donations are to be made and to provide details on obtaining romaine lettuce.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until December 17, 2020 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of this rule, consideration was given to:

- 1) alternative approaches;
- 2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and
- 3) significant economic impact on small business

No alternative approach, duplication or overlap was identified based on available information. RIDOH has determined that the benefits of the rule justify its costs.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.