



**Lewis County Public Health & Social Services**

# **News Release**

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## **State Seeks Input for Retail Food Code Revisions**

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is updating its Retail Food Code to ensure it addresses current foodborne illness risks and best methods of prevention. DOH is inviting the public to participate in this process.

The specific regulations under revision are within Chapter 246-215 of the Washington Administrative Code. These are the rules that restaurants, delis, schools, and even fair and festival vendors must follow to protect the public health. DOH is working with representatives from the food service industry, as well as federal, local, and tribal public health agencies to address various food-safety concerns.

In addition, DOH is hosting public presentations across the state and a webinar during July to detail proposed changes, and welcomes input and questions. The closest public meeting will be in Vancouver, Washington on July 24 from 2-4 pm in the Columbia Room, 901 C. Street. The webinar will be from 9-11 am on July 25. Email [food.safety@doh.wa.gov](mailto:food.safety@doh.wa.gov) to register for the webinar.

For more information about this process, the proposed changes, public meeting schedules, or how you can provide input, please visit:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Food/FoodWorkerandIndustry/FoodSafetyRules/FoodCodeRuleRevision>.

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