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TO: All Local Health Departments
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SUBJECT: Public Health Reasons for 410 IAC 7-24.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Food Protection Program is providing you with *Public Health Reasons for the Retail Food establishment Sanitation Requirements, 410 IAC 7-24*. This document has been converted from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) food code annex 3 "Public Health Reasons" to 410 IAC 7-24 code sections. The intent of this document is to help properly regulate food establishments with the understanding of the health risk associated with the violations. Each one of the public health reasons are based upon research from FDA and others.

This *Public Health Reasons* document is a reference guide to assist the food safety inspection officers with the reason why a certain section is stated in Indiana rule and what is the public health significance behind the section. *Public Health Reasons* can be used as a teaching tool to improve the knowledge level of staff, and to educate or advise retail establishments on best practices. Throughout this document are web references that are recommended for use to support recommendations.

Please feel free to contact this office at 317/233-7332 or your area field representative.