Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsor Food Safety Package

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS (Special Nutrition Programs)

The Food and Nutrition Service, in conjunction with the Food Safety and Inspection Service, has compiled a package of food safety information materials to assist SFSP and CACFP sponsors. In this case, we consider sponsors to be SFSP Sponsors, and CACFP Sponsoring Organizations (SOs) or Independent Centers who have agreements directly with the State Agency (SA).

As you may be aware, the elderly and the very young are particularly susceptible to foodborne illnesses. In light of the outbreaks of E. coli food poisoning in the Pacific Northwest, the two agencies have put together a package of pamphlets, flyers, and media articles (two in Spanish) to alert SFSP and CACFP sponsors of the inherent dangers of foodborne illnesses, and the precautions that should be taken while storing and preparing food. For your review, attached is a copy of the materials that will be in the individual packets. The information can be copied by the sponsors and passed on to their sites and centers.

Please provide us with the number of Food Safety Packages needed for distribution to all SFSP or CACFP sponsors in your state. Also, please indicate your preference for either bulk distribution to you or direct shipment to them. SAs requesting direct shipment must provide mailing labels with full and complete addresses for their Sponsors, SOs, and Independent Centers.

The Food Safety Package will be distributed in late Spring, 1994. Therefore, we request you provide our office with the number of copies of the packages needed no later than March 11, 1994, or you may send the mailing labels to the Regional Office by March 11, 1994. Please provide this information to Robert Hollowell at (303) 844-0359.

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