

understanding of temperatures and cooling practices as they relate to foodborne illness; this will also allow staff to monitor for best management practices in an inspection tailored to these topics. Continuing our history of educating the regulated community and our partners, the department will also distribute posters and handouts about the temperature danger zone and proper cooling techniques for display in preparation areas to all food facilities inspected.

Last year during September 2016, our department participated in a campaign (as we have the last six years) which resulted in focused hand washing inspections being performed at 298 food establishments. During these inspections, the department distributed educational handouts, which included hand washing posters, personal hygiene fliers, storyboards on good hand washing practices and hand wash stickers to these establishments. As a result, the number of violations associated with handwashing events has decreased by 24% since the beginning of our handwashing campaign initiative.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost of preparing this report is borne by the department and is minimal. Approximately \$500 is allocated to print the handouts and posters. The department recovers cost for managing the retail food protection program through fees for permits and plan review. Cost associated with activity in support of National Food Education Month (inspections, educational outreach and printing/distribution of flyers) is included in the FY2017/18 budget. There is no general fund impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Supervisors could choose not to issue a resolution declaring September 2017 as Food Safety Education Month. This is not recommended as such a resolution will support local and regional efforts to promote public health through food safety education and food safety operational awareness.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The department is also coordinating outreach activities with the Solano County Health and Social Services Department, Public Health Services Division and the County Administrators Office to provide information to media and the public on proper hot and cold holding temperatures and cooling; and its role in preventing illness. Solano County Health and Social Services Department, Public Health Service Division will be posting flyers on the temperature danger zone and proper cooling practices on their web site, at Family Health Services Clinics in Fairfield and Vallejo, and at WIC program offices in Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo. Public Health Nurses will also provide temperature danger zone flyers to families when they conduct home visits to new moms, newborns, and families. Solano Public Health estimates that hundreds of Solano County residents will receive the important message about proper temperatures for food storage and cooling through these outreach efforts in September.

County Counsel was consulted during preparation of the Resolution.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION