DATE: May 23, 2020

TO: Grant County Food Establishments

FROM: Grant County Food Safety Program

SUBJECT: Entering Phase 2 of the Safe Start Washington Plan

Thank you for your continued support of our community. We understand operating a food establishment is a challenge that is made even more difficult due to COVID-19 and we appreciate your work to help control the spread of the virus in our area.

Washington is using a phased approach to reopen food establishment onsite dining. Now that Grant County is approved to enter Phase 2, food establishments may reopen onsite dining after they meet all of Governor Inslee’s Phase 2 Restaurant/Tavern Reopening COVID-19 Requirements. An individual business is only allowed to reopen after it can implement all the state guidelines for a safe start.

**Be Ready for Phase 2**

Before opening your dining area, you are required to have a plan ensuring proper customer physical distancing and worker safety. Review the links below to help you create or evaluate your plan. The documents are also available on our website: http://granthealth.org/environment/food-safety/food-safety-resources/

Here is an overview of the guidance documents and signage linked below:

- **Governor Inslee’s Phase 2 Requirements.** Please read carefully as there are several requirements unique to COVID-19 that go beyond routine food safety practices. Your plan must meet the governor’s requirements and work for your operation.
- **COVID-19 Food Establishment Reopening – Physical Facilities.** This guidance will help ensure your kitchen is functional and ready to support food safety.
- **Phase 2 Reopening Checklist.** This checklist will help you quickly check your establishment and plan for key points to reduce the spread of COVID-19. While not required, we highly recommend you fill this out and keep as a record to show you took the necessary steps to safely reopen.
- **Phase 2 Food Establishment Operation.** This guidance will help you ensure employee and customer safety.
- **Signs for customers and staff.** Signs to help educate employees and customers are available.
  - Physical Distancing Sign in English and Spanish: [Version 1](#) or [Version 2](#)
We appreciate your continued effort to protect the health and safety of your workers, your business, and our community. Please note that the information provided here, including documents from Governor Inslee's Office and Washington State Department of Health (DOH), are subject to change and will be updated regularly as needed. Be sure to check the DOH COVID-19 resources and recommendations page regularly for the most up-to-date guidance for your food establishment: https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/ResourcesandRecommendations

If you have a question for GCHD's Food Safety Program, please contact us at 509-766-7960 or at foodsafety@granthealth.org.