



**Date:** April 8, 2020

**To:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**From:** Keith Grellner, Environmental Health Committee Chair

**Subject:** Briefing on Rulemaking to Revise Chapter 246-215 WAC, Food Service

**Background and Summary:**

The State Board of Health (Board) last updated chapter 246-215 WAC, Food Service, in 2013. In July 2018, the Board filed a CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (WSR 18-14-085), to initiate and explore updates to the food service rules. Among other needs, the update provides an opportunity to address changes in state food laws in recent years and an opportunity to consider food safety standards in the most recent version (2017) of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration model food code.

Staff from the Washington Department of Health (Department) have coordinated the rulemaking, relying on the agency's Food Safety Advisory Council (FSAC) for ongoing stakeholder input along with added outreach to local health jurisdictions and other interested parties via public workshops, webinars, and other means. Department staff updated the Board on the rulemaking in June 2018 and August 2019, and provided numerous other updates to the Environmental Health Committee throughout the process.

Susan Shelton of the Department's food safety program will brief the Board on the rulemaking, highlighting key process steps in the project and key policy changes in the draft rules. Today's briefing is informational for Board discussion and feedback to staff prior to filing the CR-102, Proposed Rule Making. There is no formal action today. A Board hearing on the proposed rules is tentatively scheduled for August, 2020.

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