

Borough of Elizabethtown
Deputy Health Officer's 1st Quarter Report 2009

Food Licenses Issued (compliance status in parentheses):

- (I) = In Compliance
(O) = Out of Compliance

- (I) 12/2 Subway;
(O) 12/2 Flavors - soda gun cooling plate and hoses not isolated from food ice;
(O) 12/30 Little Caesar's Pizza Re-inspection- consumer advisory obscure, personal clothing piled under prep table, food employees wear dirty shirts, Pepto Bismol on shelf suggesting employee with intestinal distress, Bain Marie temperature at 52F, food utensil dirty;
(I) 2/5 Groff's Meats;
(I) 2/5 Dollar General;
(I) 2/5 Manor Care;
(I) 2/19 Turkey Hill South;
(O) 2/19 Flavors Follow up - corrections not effective;
(O) 2/19 American Legion - soda gun cooling plate and hoses not segregated from food ice, can opener with encrusted residues on blade, walk-in cooler at 45F;
(I) 2/19 Dominos Pizza;
(I) 2/25 American Food Vending;
(O) 2/25 CR Friendly Market - many items with expired "use by" dates, sandwich warmer at 125 F;
(I) 2/25 Little Caesar's Pizza Follow-up;
(I) 2/25 Wenger's Meats.

New Establishments or Ownership:

None.

Food Establishments Discontinued:

None.

Embargoes:

CR Friendly Market was asked to discard the 9 hamburgers being held below the 135F minimum temperature required by the PA Food Code.

Complaints:

1. On Feb. 17th a consumer called claiming that Domino's Pizza was without water and employees were washing containers and utensils using a hose from the church next door. He also alleged that there was a port-a-potty being used in lieu of a working bathroom. The Deputy Health Officer was out of town at the time and requested assistance from Greg Gobrecht, the Borough Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Gobrecht immediately investigated the complaint and found it to be false for the Domino's Pizza in the borough. A return phone call to the consumer resulted in the admission that he thought the establishment in question was in the borough but with further questioning it was determined that it was "on the way" to Elizabethtown.
2. On Feb 22nd a consumer called to report that CR Friendly Market had sold her ice cream with a "use by" date that expired 9 months previous. She reported that the ice cream tasted bad but no illness occurred. The establishment was already scheduled for a regular inspection and a visit was made on Feb. 25th. The inspection verified the consumer's report and revealed other violations as well.
3. On March 2nd a resident reported that her apartment had peeling paint and mold growth. She felt that it could be a health issue. This complaint was referred to the Code Enforcement Officer for further investigation.

Other Items:

1. During the re-inspection of Little Caesar's Pizza on 12/30/08 a discussion was held with the K-Mart store manager and manager of Little Caesar's concerning the serious fly issues encountered during the last two summers. It was made clear to them that such conditions were unacceptable and that steps should be taken prior to fly season to prevent a recurrence. Although no specific steps were advised, there were two possible changes that should be considered. The first was to discontinue receiving pizza supplies through the door at the end of the kitchen. This door leads directly to the outside and is propped open while receiving supplies. The second concerned physically segregating the restaurant from the department store as it is suspected that many of the flies enter through the constantly open store entrance and exit doors.
2. Several of the inspections performed in the borough are now posted on the PA Dept. of Agriculture web site. The inspection reports as well as those from many other municipalities in Pennsylvania can be found at:
<http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=144560>

Respectfully submitted:

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