

Health Inspection Program

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

Current Program Status:

- ❑ Over 12,000 active licenses;
- ❑ Close to 8,200 eating and lodging licenses in FY2006;
- ❑ Over 330 complaint inspections/investigations in FY2007;
- ❑ 55 food borne complaint investigations;
- ❑ Active participant in Healthy Beaches initiative;
- ❑ New database system designed for fall 2003, and implemented in the fall of 2004;
- ❑ Design phase for new electronic inspection process in 2003, implemented in December 2004;
- ❑ Implementation of new Administrative and Enforcement Rules Relating to Eating and Lodging Establishments in 2004 and CFP National Risk Based Inspection Report in September 2005;
- ❑ Exploring creation of an FDA Northeast Regional HACCP Alliance partnership with industry, academia, and federal, state, and municipal regulators from the NE states;
- ❑ Current rulemaking initiatives to revise the Maine Food Code, Youth Camp, and Campground Rules.

Challenges:

- ❑ Educating the public on food safety issues;
- ❑ Mandating food safety certification for all persons in charge of food service establishments.

Program Mission:

To minimize unnecessary health hazards associated with food sanitation, recreational activities, and body art or body enhancement procedures. The program also provides field support for the Division's programs, and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Infectious Disease.

Program Activities:

- ❑ Licensing and regulating eating places, lodging places, campgrounds, youth camps, recreational camps, public pools and spas, vending machines, mass gatherings, tattooing, electrology, body piercing, micropigmentation and the filling of self-contained breathing apparatus;
- ❑ Licensing retail tobacco vendors;
- ❑ Certifying municipal health inspectors;
- ❑ Providing field inspections for the Division's various programs;
- ❑ Conducting food and water borne illness investigations and emergency response under the auspices of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.;
- ❑ Conducting courtesy inspections of non-profit food service establishments;
- ❑ Providing investigations and inspections of correctional institutions, public and private schools, jails, etc.;
- ❑ Providing consultation and special investigations with municipal officers and local health officers on nuisance and health problems;
- ❑ Providing consultation regarding public bathing beaches.

Facts:

- ❑ Over \$261,200 received from annual licensure of approximately 2,200 sellers of retail tobacco products; in SYF 06;
- ❑ \$764,500 received from 9,500 licensed eating and lodging establishments in SFY 06;
- ❑ Over 7,500 year round eating establishments; 3,000 seasonal;
- ❑ 280 licensed campgrounds in SFY 06;
- ❑ 170 licensed youth camps in SFY 06;
- ❑ 10 full-time state health inspectors;
- ❑ Most eating and lodging establishments inspected every 2 years;
- ❑ 4,205 eating and lodging establishments inspected FY 06.

Constituencies Served:

Maine Campground Owners Association, Maine Electrology Association, Maine Innkeepers Association, Maine Restaurant Association, Maine Youth Camping Association.

Funding Sources:

100% General Funding is provided through the collection of licensing fees, as mandated by Maine statute.

Overall Budget: \$1,028,000 (SFY 07)

Staff Count: 14



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