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SUBJECT: Handwashing Legends Project

As we discussed during the spring regional meetings, Phase 1 of the statewide Handwashing Legends Project (HLP) begins July 1, 2007. This package contains the illustration stickers for inspectors to hand out from July 1 through December 31, 2007 during each restaurant's routine semi-annual inspection. **The success of this intervention depends on each inspector providing one of the enclosed illustrations to operators during their routine inspection, along with some discussion about the importance of handwashing to prevent foodborne illness.**

Due to limited grant funding, there is an exact supply of these illustrations. In general, predominately English-speaking restaurants should receive the English illustration only and predominately Spanish-speaking restaurants should receive the Spanish illustration only. However, there are enough Spanish stickers that approximately 40% of English-speaking restaurants could get one large illustration of each language if you feel it is necessary. And you may photocopy the illustration to use as a handout as well. The number of illustrations sent to your county is based on the number of food service facilities that you reported for the Licensed Facilities Statistics Report.

In your package, you will find the large illustrations in English and Spanish and a smaller number of the small illustration in both languages. The small illustrations are designed as a reminder of the HLP message and can be stuck over the ORS statement on the current handwashing sticker at the additional handwashing sinks found in the kitchen. **Both illustrations are not intended for customers, and should not be placed in restrooms.**

The protocol for handing out the illustrations is:

1. Deliver **one** illustration to each restaurant during your semi-annual inspection.
2. Ask operator for permission to place near (or covering) their existing handwashing sign at the main kitchen handsink. The small reminder stickers can go on any other existing kitchen handsink stickers.
3. Talk about story with manager; ask them to discuss it with staff at their next meeting.
4. Reiterate the importance of handwashing and Oregon's focus on statewide improvement.

For additional information about the project, see our website: www.healthoregon.org/foodsafety/. Please call me at 971-673-0446 with any questions about the project and implementation. **Thank you for your participation!**

C: County Administrators, County Staff (via e-mail)