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SUBJECT: Handwashing Legends Project

As we discussed during the fall regional meetings, Phase 2 of the statewide Handwashing Legends Project (HLP) begins January 2008. This package contains the illustration stickers for inspectors to hand out from January 1 through June 30, 2008 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.**

We were able to secure more grant monies, so you have one English and one Spanish sticker for each restaurant in your county. We were also able to catch the printers and ask them to change the color of the illustration so it will be easy to differentiate between the Phase 1 and Phase 2 materials. 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. **You may cover the Phase 1 illustration or place the new one beside it.**
3. The small reminder stickers can go on any other existing kitchen handsink stickers.
4. Talk about story with manager; ask them to discuss it with staff at their next meeting.
5. 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/](http://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)