

PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.

Contact: Megan Hummel, Public Affairs Specialist

Phone: 513-946-7808

NEWS

E-mail: megan.hummel@hamilton-co.org
For Immediate Release: March 14, 2011

Timothy I. Ingram Health Commissioner

250 William Howard Taft Road, 2nd Floor

Cincinnati, OH 45219

Phone 513.946.7800 Fax 513.946.7890

hamiltoncountyhealth.org

FOOD SERVICE PROVIDERS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE AND EDUCATION

Hamilton County Public Health Announces Clean Kitchen Award Program

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO – Hamilton County Public Health has announced the first round of winners of the new Clean Kitchen food safety award. This award is available only to the top Food Service Operator/Retail Food Establishment licensed performers in facility sanitation and food safety education.

The following food providers will receive recognition at the March 14 Board of Health meeting:

Arden Courts of Anderson

6870 CLOUGH

Blue Ash Educational Center 10149 KENWOOD ROAD

Bridgetown Middle School 3900 RACE ROAD

Clovernook Health Care Pavilion 7025 CLOVERNOOK AVE

John Foster Dulles School 6481 BRIDGETOWN ROAD

Mt. Washington Care Center 6900 BEECHMONT AVE

St. Rita School for the Deaf 1720 GLENDALE MILFORD RD

West College Hill Neighborhood Services Inc.

2062 NORTH BEND ROAD

"These facilities demonstrate excellence in food safety and sanitation and deserve to be commended for proactively working to protect people from food-borne illnesses," said Hamilton County Health Commissioner Tim Ingram.

The following criteria must be met to achieve the Clean Kitchen Award:

- 1. Facility must have less than three violations in the two years prior to application.
- 2. Facility must have no critical or repeat violations in the two years prior to application.
- 3. Facility must meet one of the following food education criteria:
 - 2 staff members must have a valid Level 1 Food Handler Certificate within the previous two years; or
 - 1 staff member must have a current ServSafe or Level 2 Certificate.
- 4. Facility must submit an application including documentation that they have met the food education criteria. The application is available at www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org.

Hamilton County Public Health inspects more than 2,300 food service facilities including restaurants, banquet centers and school cafeterias. Jurisdiction includes 43 cities, villages and townships excluding the cities of Cincinnati, Norwood, Springdale, Sharonville and St. Bernard.

Inspection reports for restaurants, grocery stores and cafeterias are posted online daily at www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org.