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Idaho Public Health Schedules Meetings for Cottage Foods and Food Code Updates

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Food Protection Program is hosting a series of public meetings throughout Idaho in April and May to discuss two important issues: cottage foods and proposed Idaho Food Code updates.

Cottage foods are foods that are typically produced in a person's home and sold or given away directly to other people. The production of these foods is currently unregulated. The public meetings will help clarify the types of foods that are allowed to be unregulated. Community members also will have the opportunity to discuss whether the state Food Protection Program should promulgate rules specific to cottage food production.

The Idaho Food Code is the set of regulations that govern food safety standards in food establishments in Idaho. The current regulations were enacted in 2005 and are being updated. Proposed updates will be presented during the meetings, public comment will be taken, and information regarding when updates would become effective will be provided.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend meetings in their area. Meetings are being held at multiple times each day to accommodate those interested in these topics. Each public meeting will be moderated by Patrick Guzzle, Idaho's Food Protection Program Manager for the Idaho Division of Public Health. The same general content will be presented in each of the meetings held throughout the state.

For other information or for any questions, please contact Patrick Guzzle at (208) 334-5936.

The schedule for the public meetings is as follows:

Cottage Food Meetings	Food Code Meetings
<p><u>Coeur d’Alene Area Cottage Foods April 27</u> Best Western Plus – Hayden Room 506 Appleway Ave, Coeur d’Alene Meeting 1: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Meeting 2: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Meeting 3: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Coeur d’Alene Area Food Code April 28</u> Best Western Plus – Hayden Room 506 Appleway Ave, Coeur d’Alene Meeting 1: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Meeting 2: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM</p>
<p><u>Moscow Area Cottage Foods April 30</u> Troy Community Library – Community Room 402 S Main Street, Troy 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>Potlatch Public Library – Community Room 1010 Onaway Road, Potlatch 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM</p> <p>Moscow City Council Chambers 206 E 3rd Street, Moscow 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Moscow Area Food Code April 29</u> City Council Chambers 206 E 3rd Street, Moscow Meeting 1: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting 2: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM</p>
<p><u>Treasure Valley Area Cottage Foods May 4</u> Southwest District Health 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell Meeting 1: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Meeting 2: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Treasure Valley Area Food Code May 5</u> Southwest District Health 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell Meeting 1: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting 2: 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM</p>

<p>Meeting 3: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM</p>	
<p><u>Magic Valley Area Cottage Foods May 6</u> La Quinta Inn 539 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls Meeting 1: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Meeting 2: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Meeting 3: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Magic Valley Area Food Code May 7</u> La Quinta Inn 539 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls Meeting 1: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting 2: 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM</p>
<p><u>Idaho Falls Area Cottage Foods May 11</u> Eastern Idaho Public Health offices 1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls Meeting 1: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Meeting 2: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Meeting 3: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Idaho Falls Area Food Code May 12</u> Eastern Idaho Public Health District offices 1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls Meeting 1: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting 2: 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM</p>
<p><u>Pocatello Area Cottage Foods May 13</u> Southeastern Idaho Public Health Assembly Rooms 1 and 2 1901 Alvin Ricken Drive, Pocatello Meeting 1: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Meeting 2: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Meeting 3: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Pocatello Area Food Code May 14</u> Southeastern Idaho Public Health offices – Assembly Rooms 1 and 2 1901 Alvin Ricken Drive, Pocatello Meeting 1: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Meeting 2: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM</p>