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Robert E. Roswall
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 25, 2020
TO: Tammy Trent, Interim Director, Raleigh County Commission on Aging
FROM: Robert E. Roswall, Commissioner 
RE: Shared Table Rule Initiative for Senior Citizens

I have received your comment on the Shared Table Rule.

In response to the comment on the Share Table Initiative for Senior Citizens, the Bureau will be providing program operational standards similar to the standards of the Department of Education Shared Table for School Students.

These standards will address processes concerning food contamination, sanitation, and storage.

The requirements will follow State and Federal mandated standards for food service just as required for the Senior Nutrition Programs. There would similar policies that cover storage, packaging and freezing of leftover foods. The liability for the Program would be part of the Agency's current Nutrition Services liability coverage.

Also, donated foods are covered by the WV Good Samaritan Act §55-7D-1.

The labor costs and food wrapping would be less than the current process of storage and packaging of leftover food from the meal services program.

Roswall, Robert E

From: Tammy Trent <tammy_trent@raleighseniors.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Roswall, Robert E
Subject: [External] Shared Table Initiative for Senior Citizens

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After discussion with the Head Cook and the Site Manager, we feel that we are already practicing some of the shared table initiative for our seniors. We currently provide leftovers to our seniors the following day as well as sending leftovers to our HDM recipients. Our seniors practice this sharing daily at their tables as well as with their friends without placing it on a common table.

Issues we see are as follows: 1) food contamination, 2) safe sanitation of containers, 3) adequate staff to oversee this project, 4) proper storage standards in the dining room for milk or cold products, and 5) liability for the Agency. Also it would be an additional cost to the agency to properly wrap all fruits that are to be shared.