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KDA to Host Forum on Proposed Food Code Updates

MANHATTAN, Kansas — The Kansas Department of Agriculture food safety and lodging program will host an online public forum on Monday, July 12, at 3:00 p.m. to share proposed updates to the Kansas Food Code.

The Kansas Food Code establishes food safety regulations that govern food establishments. Amendments to the Kansas Food Code will ultimately require the formal regulation adoption process, but KDA is providing this opportunity for interested citizens to hear a summary of the proposed updates and to provide feedback prior to the start of the formal process. The proposed changes to the Kansas Food Code include amendments to regulations that directly impact food safety as well as some clarification of language and updates to some food safety parameters. Some of the changes are proposed in order to reflect changes to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's model food code, including adoption of the FDA model food code requirement to employ a certified food protection manager.

Interested parties can preview the proposed updates on the KDA website ahead of the forum. To participate in the forum, individuals will need to register so they can receive the Zoom link. At registration, participants can indicate whether they want to provide oral or written comments regarding the proposed updates. Oral comments will be limited to 2 minutes per commenter and will be heard at the end of the public forum. Written comments can be shared on the webinar registration form or via a form on the KDA website.

Registration and draft versions of the proposed changes can be found at:

www.agriculture.ks.gov/FSLLaw.

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WHAT: Public Forum regarding proposed changes to Kansas Food Code
WHEN: Monday, July 12 at 3:00 p.m.
WHERE: Via online webinar; register at www.agriculture.ks.gov/FSLLaw
WHO: Any interested members of the public