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Policy Statement Pot Luck's

A pot luck event is characterized by foods that are donated and shared by attendees. A pot luck event is an assumed risk and usually is confined to a specific group who are accepting the risk.

The policy of the Division of Public Health Protection and Safety, Food Safety Branch since 1986 has been as follows:

Pot Luck meals are occasional events attended by a defined group of participants. These groups might be churches, athletic teams, school groups, or any public, private or civic organization. The participants of the meals are members of the group and their invited guests. The event is closed to the general public.

Should any of these organizations begin food preparation and service, they would have to comply with the Kentucky Food Code, 902 KAR 45:005, and become a food service operation.

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