

# Return and Re-Service of Food

## Guidelines for Foodservice Establishments



**Unused or returned portions of food may not be re-served or re-sold to other consumers.**

## Exceptions to this Rule

- Foods that are dispensed from narrow neck containers, protected from contamination, and the container is closed between uses.
  - Examples are ketchup, steak sauce, and bottles of wine.
- Foods in an unopened original package maintained in sound condition may be re-served.
  - Examples are crackers, salt and pepper, ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise packets.

## Re-service of Food in Highly Susceptible Populations

- Any food served to patients or clients who are under contact precautions in medical isolation or quarantine, or protective environment isolation may not be re-served.
- Packages of food from any patients, clients, or other consumers shall not be re-served to persons in a protective environment isolation.

## Contaminated Foods

- Contaminated foods shall be discarded according to approved procedures from the local authority.
- Any foods that may have been contaminated by restricted or excluded employees shall be discarded.
- Food that has been contaminated by contact with hands, bodily discharges, consumers or other persons or contaminated by any other means shall be discarded.

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