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SUBJECT: Updated Continental Breakfast Guidance

This memo replaces the following memorandum: February 23, 2009 "Continental Breakfast Guidance".

Attached is an updated guidance document on continental breakfasts. The document was revised in conjunction with Michigan Association for Local Environmental Health Administrators and the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association. The goal of the update was a simplification of the content within the document. There are no changes in the Food Law, Act 92 of 2000 or any other regulations as it applies to continental breakfasts.

The purpose of this guidance document is to provide clarity regarding when a continental breakfast at a motel, hotel, or public lodging is exempt from licensure. It is to serve as a resource to both local health departments and lodging operators when determining if a continental breakfast is exempt from food licensure. The guidance will be placed on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's webpage at [Evaluation of a Food Establishment](#).

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