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## ANSWERS FOOD SAMPLING AT PUBLIC EVENTS

*In order to protect public health and prevent tampering of food the following guidelines are required*

1. **DO NOT USE common bowls for dipping. Do not use common bowls, plates or trays for the service or display of food.**

**Do use** single service portions such as soufflé cups, paper plates, napkins, dispensing containers, or pre-wrapped foods.

2. Foods must be protected from the public.  
(Provide sneeze guards, cover foods and keep foods behind product display)
3. Food sampling is to be limited to non-hazardous food items. (foods that **do not** require refrigeration)  
Jellies, jams, beef jerky, sauces, breads, nuts, candy (low A<sub>2</sub> items) & most fresh produce
4. Gloves and/or utensils must be used to prevent bare hand contact.
5. Provide a temporary hand wash station.
  - √ Water in a container with a spigot
  - √ Soap
  - √ Paper towels
  - √ Waste bucket
6. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in closure of your sampling operation.

**Note:** Foods being sampled that require refrigeration and/or cooking will need a **Temporary Food Service Permit.**