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CMDHD Launches Restaurant Inspection Results Online

In order to serve our communities better, restaurant inspection results for our entire six-county district are now available for public view on the health department’s website. To view the results, go to www.cmdhd.org and click on “Restaurant Inspections”. The purpose for providing this information to the public is to allow residents and visitors who are dining at our licensed food establishments to be better informed before going out to eat. The inspection results are also informative about the steps restaurant operators go through to ensure food safety to their patrons. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, it is estimated that each year roughly 1 in 6 Americans (or 48 million people) get sick, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die of foodborne diseases. The inspection process provides an opportunity for CMDHD food safety experts to verify safe food handling practices are being observed and allows for a dialog with food workers about maintaining a safe food handling environment. By working together, CMDHD food safety staff and restaurant operators can correct potential food safety hazards and reduce the incidence of foodborne illness in our communities.

“Making this information available to our local communities and visitors has been a goal for the Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) and has received support from our Board of Health. They supported our efforts by allowing us to purchase a new electronic database program which allows us to give the food facility managers their evaluations electronically onsite and also to offer these inspection evaluations on the web. Now, that our new software is up and running, this goal has been met.” stated Michelle Patton, Director of Environmental Services at CMDHD.

CMDHD values clients’ opinions and suggestions and welcomes feedback on the ease of use for this new system. Please visit us at www.cmdhd.org to provide your suggestions.