



# Naugatuck Valley Health District

98 Bank Street Seymour, CT 06483

T: 203-881-3255 F: 203-881-3259 W: www.nvhd.org

Ansonia Beacon Falls Derby Naugatuck Seymour Shelton

**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## Consumer Advisory/Allergen Awareness

### Food and Drug Administration Food Code

#### **Consumer Advisory**

- If food is sold or served raw, uncooked or without otherwise being processed to eliminate pathogens in ready to eat form or as an ingredient, insert the following DISCLOSURE and REMINDER using brochures, deli case or menu advisories, menu boards, label statements, table tents, placards, or other effective written means:

1. **DISCLOSURE:** Asterisk \* description of animal- derived food on the menu such as: \*hamburgers (cooked to order), \*steak or \*eggs (cooked to order), \*raw fish, \*raw oysters on the half shell, or \*raw egg Caesar salad.
2. **REMINDER:** \*Refers to a footnote (at the bottom of the menu) stating either of the following

*Use exact wording and no smaller than 11 font (the same size as this type):*

**“\*These items are served raw or undercooked or may contain raw or undercooked ingredients. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.”**

**OR**

**“\*These items are served raw or undercooked or may contain raw or undercooked ingredients. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.”**

#### **Allergen Awareness**

- Food Service Establishments are required to provide written notification to consumers of major food allergens as ingredients in unpackaged food and labeling of major food allergens in bulk food that is available for consumer self-dispensing.

Post statement in menus, on the menu board, or at the counter where food is ordered (*use the exact wording and list the 9 allergens*):

**“Before placing your order, please inform your server if a person in your party has a food allergy.”  
Eggs, Milk, Fish, Shellfish, Peanuts, Tree nuts, Sesame, Soy, Wheat**

Post in lettering that is no smaller than the smallest font on the menu board or in the menu. The customer needs to be able to read it.

