



## GUIDELINES FOR FOOD-RELATED EVENTS AND FOOD SALES



To comply with the San Mateo County Health Department's regulations related to the preparation, handling, and distribution of food on campus, as well as to guarantee the health and safety of all campus constituencies, the following guidelines for food sales have been established for the San Mateo County Community College District:

- Food items must be prepackaged. Prepackaged items are food items packaged at a licensed bakery, restaurant, or grocery store, **OR**
- Food items must be prepared by a licensed food service provider and a certificate of liability insurance must be provided in order to receive event authorization, **OR**
- No foods or perishable beverages can be prepared or stored in a private home due to possible contamination.
- All food and perishable beverages shall be protected at all times from unnecessary handling and possible contamination (i.e. gloves must be worn by servers and items refrigerated).

### Additional Points of Clarification

- *Can pizza be sold by the slice?* Pizza purchased from a licensed food service provider can be distributed by the slice to the public, provided it is protected at all times from unnecessary handling and possible contamination (i.e. gloves must be worn by servers and items refrigerated as needed).
- *Can baked goods be separated in single servings for sale?* Baked goods purchased from a licensed food service provider can be distributed individually to the public, provided they are protected at all times from unnecessary handling and possible contamination (i.e. gloves must be worn by servers and items refrigerated as needed).
- *Does the food vending policy apply to food in baskets assembled for fundraising?* Yes, because the items are being given to the public.

### **POTLUCKS**

Potlucks are permissible when the following guidelines are met:

- The meeting or event must be closed to the general public. Instead, the event is open to a specific target population, e. g., members of a club, students in a class/program, or certain employees.
- There can be no charge for the event.
- The event cannot be advertised to the general public.

If you have any questions, please contact the CSM Center for Student Life & Leadership Development at [csmstudentlife@smccd.edu](mailto:csmstudentlife@smccd.edu) or (650) 574-6141.