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Subject: Food Biosecurity Workshops

Amendments to State Administrative Code, 2:36-1.13, require that school districts/sponsors shall implement a local level biosecurity plan consistent with the United States Department of Agriculture's publication "*A Biosecurity Checklist for School Food Service Programs – Developing a Biosecurity Management Plan*". This USDA publication is available at <http://schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov/Safety/biosecurity.pdf> or it is also available on the state Child Nutrition Programs' reimbursement voucher website, in the memos/forms section – it is the very first document on the list of forms. If you click on the Biosecurity Checklist and save it to your computer, it will be in the Word format and will allow you to make entries or changes directly into the document.

In order to assist schools in the development of their biosecurity plans, the Division is pleased to offer six regional workshops for school food service directors and any other appropriate school personnel responsible for developing such a plan. The list of training dates and locations is attached. You must call the office in advance to register for one of these workshops at 609-984-0692.

This regulation comes at a time when it is imperative that schools have a plan in place to deal with possible terrorist actions that could effect the safety and quality of the food items offered to students and staff in schools. Food safety programs deal with methods of preventing accidental food contamination, whereas biosecurity programs deal with methods of preventing intentional food contamination.

**BIOSECURITY WORKSHOPS  
DATES AND LOCATIONS**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**

Refreshments available at 8:30 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
May 3, 2006	Morris County Police & Fire Academy Parsippany
May 5, 2006	East Brunswick Board of Education East Brunswick
May 9, 2006	Monmouth County Superintendent's Office Freehold
May 11, 2006	Gloucester County Office of Education Sewell
May 19, 2006	Egg Harbor Twp. Intermediate School Egg Harbor Township
May 31, 2006	Bergen County Superintendent's Office Hackensack

Directions for each of the above locations are enclosed.