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Dear festival organizer,

During past festivals in Lucas County, the Toledo/Lucas County Health Department sanitarians have encountered unlicensed/illegal food operations at several of the festivals.

Please be advised that as the festival organizer, one of your responsibilities is to assist our sanitarian to insure that all of the participants at your festival selling food are properly licensed. This can be accomplished in several ways. One way is to ask for a copy of the operator's food license when they apply to attend your festival. Another would be to ask to see the license during the set up phase of your festival.

When our sanitarians come to your festival and find an operation not licensed, they will make every effort to get the operator properly licensed. If the operator refuses, the sanitarian will inform the festival organizers and the operator that they cannot operate without a license. If the operation is not licensable, or refuses to obtain a license, the operator will be asked to leave the festival.

If the above procedures are not effective, further action may be taken depending on the severity of the issue.

As for a person operating a "Cottage Food Production Operation", there are specific rules and regulations that they must operate by. Generally speaking, Cottage Foods cannot be sold at festivals unless the Cottage Food Production Operation is properly licensed by the Toledo/Lucas County Health Department. Please contact our office for these rules or follow this link to the cottage food rules.

<http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/FoodSafety/docs/hcomm/Cottage%20Food%20FS.pdf>

If your festival intends to have a campground on the festival site that is not currently licensed as a campground, a temporary Campground License must be obtained. For more information on the procedures for obtaining this license, please contact our office at 419-213-4000, option 3

If you have more questions concerning these matters, please contact the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department at 419-213-4100, option 3.

Sincerely,

David Welch, Director of Environmental Health & Community Services