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Clay County Public Health Center Food Safety Excellence Awards

LIBERTY, Mo. – February 26, 2019 – Clay County Public Health Center is proud to announce the recipients of the Food Safety Excellence Awards for outstanding efforts in 2018. The award recognizes establishments that continue to successfully follow the Clay County Food Code, exhibit outstanding food safety and sanitation practices and achieve exceptional inspection results during the calendar year.

This year's winners represent the top 8 percent of establishments overseen by Clay County Public Health Center. In order to qualify for the award, they must meet multiple criteria such as having been open and operating for the full year with no repeated violations, no follow-up inspections needed and no confirmed cases of food borne illnesses.

“While most Clay County food establishments regularly meet high food safety standards, we like to recognize the ones that consistently prove they value clean and healthy food service,” said Becky Steiner, section chief of environmental health protection at the Clay County Public Health Center. “Through the efforts of these trained food employees and managers, we can ensure safe and enjoyable dining experiences for Clay County residents and visitors.”

In 2018, the Environmental Health Protection Section of Clay County Public Health Center conducted 1,486 routine food establishment inspections, 231 temporary food event inspections and investigated 130 food-related complaints. Ultimately, these measures help protect the public from foodborne illnesses.

The full list of Food Safety Excellence Award winners can be viewed [here](#).

About Clay County Public Health Center

Created in 1953, the Clay County Public Health Center is a nationally accredited local public health department protecting the health of all people in the county by implementing population-based prevention programs and services. This community approach to wellness not only prevents the spread of disease but also provides wellness education to empower people to make healthy choices. To learn more, visit www.clayhealth.com/.

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The mission of the Clay County Public Health Center is to deliver the essential public health services of prevention, promotion and protection to the communities of Clay County.