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*Dr. Kanika Cunningham*  
*Director*

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**RE: Food Donations**

Food service facilities are allowed to donate food if the food is handled safely following the St. Louis County Food Code. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently released 2022 Food Code helps reduce barriers to food donations by clarifying for the first time that food donations from retail food establishments are acceptable as long as proper food safety practices are followed. These guidelines can be found on the FDA's website.

St. Louis County Department of Public Health may be contacted for questions about food safety concerning donated food.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Roth".

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