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MCPHD Food Safety Inspection Officers (FSIO) will be conducting inspections during the 10 days of Super Bowl XLVI-related activities from January 27, 2012 through the morning of February 6, 2012. The area of downtown Indianapolis is known as the Downtown Civic Sponsored Special Event Zone (Downtown Zone) as defined by the City of Indianapolis under authority of the Indianapolis City Code.

MCPHD will be the primary agency for all retail food establishment inspections, foodborne illness complaint investigations and any food contamination incidents. Our mission is to ensure proper food sanitation practices and to prevent food-related illnesses. It is estimated that an additional 100,000 people will be dining out during this time period. Therefore, FSIOs will be conducting inspections at all food venues in the downtown area. These inspections could occur at any time when food preparation and service is taking place.

The inspections will focus on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's top five risk factors for foodborne illness, which are:

- Improper hot/cold holding temperatures
- Inadequate cooking temperature of food
- Poor employee health and hygiene
- Soiled or contaminated utensils and equipment
- Unsafe food sources

MCPHD anticipates working with the downtown area hotels and restaurants to determine when they will be serving large groups of people and will make arrangements to conduct inspections during critical times of food preparation. Meals of this sort are typically prepared during a two-day period where food is heated, cooled and re-heated for service. This is a high-risk procedure where food contamination can easily occur. If violations are found, re-inspections will be conducted until the facilities reach satisfactory compliance.

If you have questions, please contact the Marion County Public Health Department, Department of Food and Consumer Safety at 317-221-2222.