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NO BARE HAND CONTACT

The Rhode Island Food Code (3-301.11) does **not** allow bare hand contact with ready-to-eat (RTE) food. Ready to eat foods are items such as sandwiches, salads and bread. Food service workers must use “suitable” utensils when handling ready-to-eat foods. Examples of suitable utensils include the following:

Deli tissue



Spatulas



Tongs



Forks



Other serving utensils



Single Use **Non-Latex** gloves

Single-Use Glove Guidelines

- ❖ The use of gloves does not replace the need for good hand washing practices.
- ❖ Hands must be washed before putting on gloves.
- ❖ Use gloves for one task only, such as handling ready-to-eat foods.
- ❖ Hands must be washed between glove changes.
- ❖ When gloves become soiled or damaged, throw them away.
- ❖ Fabric or other re-useable gloves must not be used with RTE foods