



## **A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **To Georgia's Food Service Establishment Operators**

The Division of Public Health would like to inform all food service operators that it has received reports of individuals making random anonymous phone calls to food service establishments located within Georgia and other states claiming to be food inspectors. As part of a scam, the caller would try to schedule an inspection during the phone conversation in order to gain access to the food service establishment for unknown reasons.

Please be advised that all food service establishments in Georgia receive their permits to operate from the local county health department in which the establishment operates. As such, a county health department representative, the Environmental Health Specialist (EHS), will make unannounced routine inspections of these establishments. EHS will never call an establishment operator to schedule a routine inspection and they will have picture identification on their person whenever they conduct these routine inspections.

Should a food service establishment receive a call from anyone claiming to be a food service inspector wanting to schedule an inspection, the establishment operator should refuse such an inspection and notify his or her local county health department. In addition, should someone present himself as being a food inspector at the establishment, establishment operator should not allow access to the establishment unless such a person can produce proper identification that can be confirmed by his or her county health department. Any suspicious persons that cannot be properly identified as a legitimate county health department inspector should be reported to the local law enforcement and to the local county health department.

THANK YOU.

#### **Division of Public Health**

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