**STORAGE IN COOLERS AND FREEZERS**

Guidelines for storing foods according to the minimum internal cooking temperature

Foods that are stored side-by-side shall be separated by adequate spacing or physical barriers

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### TOP SHELVES

#### Foods that are cooling (uncovered or loosely covered)

1. **Hot foods**: 135°F to 41°F within 6 hours but it must cool from 135°F to 70°F within the first 2 hours.
2. **Ambient room temperature ingredients**: Must be cooled within 4 hours to 41°F. (Ex: reconstituted foods, canned tuna, sliced tomatoes, shredded cheese, etc.)

#### Ready-to-eat Foods

- Cooked Foods
- Pasteurized Eggs
- Washed Fruit and Vegetables
- Desserts
- Tofu
- Dairy
- Cheese
- Hot Dogs
- Condiments
- Veggie Burgers
- Kimchi
- Soups
- Deli Meats
- Cooked Balut
- Sliced Tomatoes
- Cut Melons
- Cooked Sushi

#### Raw Ready-to-eat

- Sushi
- Sashimi
- Foods Containing Raw Eggs (ex. Caesar Dressing, Custard)

#### Not Ready-to-eat

- Saucés Containing Raw Animal Foods
- Unwashed Fruits and Vegetables

### Raw Animal Foods: Cook to 145°F or above for 15 seconds

- Fish
- Shellfish (ex: Clams, Oysters, Mussels, Shrimp, Crab, Lobster, Scallops)
- Seafood
- Frog
- Turtle
- Shell Eggs
- Whole Muscle Intact Beef, Steak or Pork
- Veal
- Oxtail
- Goat
- Lamb
- Sheep
- Ham
- Game Animals Commercially Raised For Food and Game Animals Under a Voluntary Inspection Program (ex: Reindeer, Elk, Deer, Antelope, Water Buffalo, Bison, Rabbit, Squirrel, Opossum, Raccoon, Nutria, Muskrat, Land Snakes)

### Raw Animal Foods: Cook to 155°F or above for 15 seconds

- Pooled Eggs
- Gyro
- Comminuted or Ground Meats (ex: Pork, Beef, Chorizo, Gyro, Sausage, Fish, Seafood, Game Animals, etc.)
- Injected or Tenderized Meats (Beef, Pork, etc)
- Equine (Horse, Mule)
- Ratites (ex: Flightless Birds: Emu, Ostrich, Rhea)
- Comminuted or Ground Game Animals Under A Voluntary Inspection Program

### Raw Animal Foods: Cook to 165°F or above for 15 seconds

- Poultry (ex: Chicken, Turkey, Duck, Goose)
- Wild Game Animals
- Stuffed Fish
- Stuffed Meat
- Stuffed Pasta
- Stuffed Poultry
- Stuffed Ratites
- Stuffing Containing Fish, Meat, Poultry or Ratites

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### BOTTOM SHELVES

- Store employee food below/away from customer food

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