

City of St. Joseph

Patee Market Health Center, 904 South 10th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64503

HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR UCP's VIRTUAL CHILI CHALLENGE

Welcome to the 34th Heart of America Chili Challenge!! In order to provide safe health conditions for the cook off, the following health rules will be strictly enforced.

1. ALL FOOD SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM AN APPROVED SOURCE. An approved source is one that is inspected by a regulatory authority. This means that ***customslaughtered meats, wild game, and home canned foods are not allowed.***
2. In an effort to comply with the current Missouri Food Code, ***hair will be covered*** – nets, scarves, visors (but not hairspray).
3. A sanitizing solution of 100ppm (approximately 1 teaspoon of bleach per gallon of water) shall be on hand at all times during the preparation and serving of your entry. This solution shall serve to sanitize your utensil between uses.
4. Sanitizing wipes may be used for periodic hand cleaning.
5. During transportation, all meats must be covered in original packages, and held below 41°F. Washable coolers are required (Styrofoam does not meet this standard.)
6. Use a ***minimum*** of handling when preparing your entry, and do not leave meats on counter tops for long periods of time at room temperature.
7. ***Keep lids on your kettles.***
8. ***No smoking is allowed while cooking. Leave your cooking area to smoke – then wash and sanitize your hands before returning to handle food.***
9. Wooden utensils are ***not allowed.*** Please use plastic or metal utensils (which are in very good condition). Keep utensils protected from contamination when not in use.

We can be reached before the cook-off at 271-4631 or 271-4634 to resolve any concerns that you may have.

The continuation of these food-related events depends on your cooperation in presenting safe food to the judge.

Thank You in advance for your cooperation.

Rick Messa
Health Inspector

People's Choice Award

The Heart of America Chili Challenge is UCP's only fundraising event so the money the teams raise is critical to the services for children & adults with disabilities.

You can submit items, gift cards & services for the online auction that will go to your People's Choice.

There will be a Peer-to-Peer website that you can share through social media where your friends & family can donate directly to your team.

Rules for the Virtual Chili Challenge

1. Chili is any kind of meat, or combination of meats, cooked with chili peppers, spices, and other ingredients.
2. No ingredients may be precooked or treated in any way.
3. Contestants will be responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, and ingredients etc.
4. Each booth must cook a minimum of two (2) quarts of chili for judging.
5. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant's number by the chief scorekeeper and be given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging. Each contestant should make certain that the number on the bottom of the bowl is the same as their contestant's number assigned to them by the scorekeeper. No other markings will be allowed on the sample bowl, or you will be disqualified.
6. The decision of the judges will be final.
7. No smoking is allowed while cooking.
8. All meat products must be in their original package or container and kept refrigerated until used. No wild game or custom slaughtered meat is allowed.

NOTE HEALTH DEPARTMENT RULES ON THE BACK!

