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**TO:** Local Boards of Health and Health Departments  
**FROM:** Michael Moore, MDPH/BEH Food Protection Program  
**DATE:** October 2, 2018  
**RE:** **Vendors Approved by MDPH to Provide Allergen Awareness Training**

The following two vendors are approved by Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) to issue certificates of allergen awareness training in accordance with 105 CMR 590.011(C)(3)(a).

- **Compliance** – To comply with 105 CMR 590.011(C)(3)(a), at least ***one certified food protection manager per food establishment*** must obtain an allergen awareness certificate from one of these three MDPH-approved vendors.
- **Online Training** – To obtain an allergen awareness certificate over the Internet, visit a vendor's website, pay \$10, and follow the instructions for watching the allergen awareness video.
- **Classroom Training** - To obtain an allergen awareness certificate in a classroom setting, contact a vendor and ask for information about available classroom trainings.

<b>Berkshire Area Health Education Center</b> 1350 West Street Pittsfield, MA 01201	<b>Options to be trained by Berkshire AHEC:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit their website at <a href="http://www.berkshireahec.org/">http://www.berkshireahec.org/</a></li><li>• Contact AHEC at <a href="mailto:sdargie@berkshireahec.org">sdargie@berkshireahec.org</a></li><li>• Call (413) 236-4500</li></ul>
<b>Massachusetts Restaurant Association</b> 160 East Main St. - Suite 2 Westborough, MA 01581	<b>Options to be trained by MRA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit the MRA website at <a href="http://www.themassrest.org/">http://www.themassrest.org/</a></li><li>• Call 508-303-9905</li></ul>