

# SAFETY TIPS FOR HANDLING ALLERGENS

### Avoid cross contact with allergens

- Wash and sanitize all food contact surfaces before starting to prepare a new item
- Do not use the same utensil or glove to serve foods with Big 9 allergens and other foods
- Observe handwashing procedures and change gloves following established policy

### Follow recipes and menus exactly

Do not make substitutions without authorization

# SYMPTOMS OF ALLERGIC REACTIONS

A food allergy is an immune system response to a particular food. Symptoms may include:

- · Itching or swelling in the mouth
- Vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal cramps and pain
- · Hives or eczema
- Tightening of the throat and trouble breathing
- · Drop in blood pressure

## READ LABELS CAREFULLY

There is no room for error when working with allergens. Trace amounts of allergens can cause allergic reactions.

### Examples of foods that Big 9 Allergens can be found in:

Milk: Butter, Cheese, Yogurt
Tree Nuts: Almonds, Pecans, Walnuts
Crustacean Shellfish: Crab, Lobster, Shrimp
Wheat: Bread, Cookies, Pancakes
Fish: Bass, Flounder, Cod
Soybeans: Soy Sauce, Shortening, Tofu
Peanuts: Peanut Butter, Peanut Oil
Eggs: Mayonnaise, Tartar Sauce, Fried Rice
Sesame: Sesame Oil, Bread Products, Granola

#### Support guest requests, and be sure you're right.

Refer questions or requests about food ingredients to your supervisor.