Standard Operating Procedures for

Facility Name: _____

	Cold Holding		
Why:	Bacteria can multiply at warm temperatures. Store and display food at cold temperatures to prevent bacteria from multiplying. Protect food from contamination, and Ready-to-Eat (RTE) food from cross contamination.		
Who:	Food production employees who are responsible for cold holding.		
When:	Cold holding Potentially Hazardous Food (PHF).		
Where:	All cold holding units used for storage, display, service and transport: ☐ display lines ☐ salad bars ☐ sandwich units ☐ walk in cooler ☐ holding cabinets ☐ reach in coolers ☐ commercial refrigerator ☐ other		
How:	For all foods Make sure indicating thermometers are correctly placed and working properly in cold holding units. Check PRODUCT with calibrated, clean and sanitized thermometer at determined frequency. Keep the cold holding unit at 41°F or colder. Place prepared food into the cold holding unit as soon as possible. Do not mix old food with fresh batches of food. Do not overload the cold holding unit. Separate raw from RTE, and raw from each other (ex beef over chicken)		
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Semi-Solids □ Ice □ display lines □ salad bars □ sandwich units □ walk in cooler □ holding cabinets □ reach in coolers □ commercial refrigerator □			
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Optional Records:	"Cold Holding Log" – for Storage Units "Cold Holding Display Log" – for Display Units Record Temperatures: □ each time □ hourly □ daily □ weekly □ other		
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	Cold Holding (continued)
Correction:	 Call a repairman if the refrigerator / cooler can not keep food at 41°F or colder, have serviced regularly. Throw away PHF that have been warmer than 41°F for 4 hours. Throw away RTE food that has been contaminated by raw food. Clean refrigerators and coolers regularly. Transfer PHF that has not been warmer that 41°F for 4 hours to cooler unit.
PIC Verification:	 Spot check cold holding procedures and temperatures. Thermometers are used and calibrated.

Prepared or revised by:	
Signature:	Date