Food Establishment Pre-Opening Requirements

__ Copy of menu provided
__ Sink requirements:
      __ appropriate size three-compartment sink or commercial dishwasher
      __ adequate area to air-dry dishes
      __ adequate food prep sinks
      __ hand-washing sink in all prep areas
      __ mop/utility sink or curbed floor drain area on main floor
__ Indirect drain connection under 3-compartment sink, food prep sinks, ice machines, etc.
__ Hot and cold running water at all sinks
__ Storage areas protected (storage under wastewater pipes prohibited)
__ Bare-hand contact with ready-to-eat food is prohibited. You must provide adequate & appropriate gloves, deli tissue and/or utensils
__ Dishwasher tested for proper sanitizing (test strips necessary for chemical-sanitizing units)
__ Soap, paper towels, and garbage can located at every hand-washing sink
__ Thermometers located inside each refrigerator and freezer
NOTE: Cold holding must be 41°F or below; maintain freezers 0°F or below
__ All hot holding equipment must be capable of maintaining 135°F or above
__ Food-testing/probe thermometer required
__ pH meter required for sushi rice, etc. (if applicable)
__ Adequate supply of sanitizer test strips required
__ Covered trash receptacle in women's restroom required
__ Choking prevention poster posted in dining area (if applicable)
__ "Employees must wash hands" signs posted in restrooms and at all hand-washing sinks
__ "No Smoking" sign posted
__ Pest Control Company contracted
__ Dumpster or garbage pick-up arranged and approved by town
__ Food handling course requirements met
__ All areas of establishment must be cleaned and sanitized
__ All equipment and kitchenware must be cleaned and sanitized
__ All hardware and construction debris etc. must be removed
__ Building Department approval must be obtained (CO)
__ Health license must be obtained
__ It is your responsibility to comply with NJAC 8:24 "Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines"

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS WILL NOT RECEIVE HEALTH DEPARTMENT APPROVAL TO OPEN UNTIL THESE CODE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.