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### ***Guidelines for Incubator Kitchens Now Available Through AFDO***

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) is pleased to announce the completion and availability of the document entitled, "Guidelines for Incubator Kitchens."

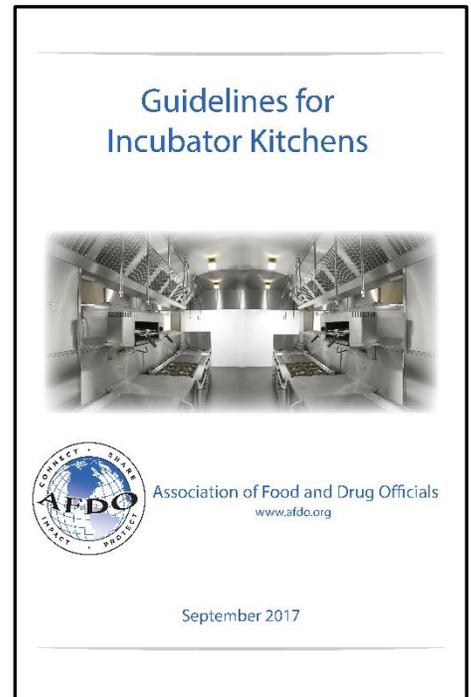
This document was developed for state and local food safety regulators to provide guidance on the management of food safety issues with incubator kitchens (i.e., shared-use kitchens, shared kitchens). AFDO's Retail Food Committee, consisting of food protection officials from around the country, produced the guidance document for this type of food establishment. This document provides current best practices and guidance for government food protection regulatory officials with the responsibility of regulating incubator kitchens and its operations.

The rise of internet food sales and economics play a large role in the increased number of incubator kitchens. New food-related businesses can open with less startup capital because the shared commercial kitchen provides the utilities, processing equipment, and storage for a nominal fee.

This guidance document outlines the responsibilities from the standpoint of the commercial kitchen owner, the licensed operator, and the food protection regulatory official. In addition, food safety controls for consideration are addressed in a separate section.

For more information or to purchase this Guide, please visit the AFDO Bookstore at [www.afdo.org/publications](http://www.afdo.org/publications).

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*The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), established in 1896, successfully fosters uniformity in the adoption and enforcement of science-based food, drug, medical devices, cosmetics and product safety laws, rules, and regulations. AFDO and its six Regional Affiliates provide the mechanism and the forum where regional, national and international issues are deliberated and resolved to uniformly provide the best public health and consumer protection in the most expeditious and cost effective manner.*

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