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**HEALTHCARE FOODSERVICE:**
ARE YOU ON THE CRACKING EDGE?

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**> SALMONELLA CAUSES THE MOST BACTERIAL FOODBORNE ILLNESSES AND DEATHS**

Nearly **4 out of 5** Salmonella enteritidis foodborne illness cases share a common vehicle:

- raw or undercooked shell eggs

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**USDA FSIS Risk Assessments of Salmonella Enteritidis in Shell Eggs, 2005.**

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**60+**
When bacterial foodborne illness occurs, hospitalizations and death are highest among persons 60 and older.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

- **28%** of people who get Salmonellosis have to be hospitalized.

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**AN ACTIVE MANAGER CAN CHOOSE PASTEURIZED SHELL EGGS TO ELIMINATE THE SALMONELLA RISK FROM EGGS. THE FDA AND CDC URGE PASTEURIZED SHELL EGGS FOR FOOD SERVICE.**

According to the 2013, 2009, and 2005 FDA Food Code definitions, a pasteurized shell egg is **NOT** a Potentially Hazardous Food (THC) food. This means it is exempt from the time and temperature controls that apply to ordinary eggs. You can safely serve a pasteurized shell egg undercooked or even raw, and know you are in full compliance.

If you’re serving highly susceptible populations, the FDA Food Code advise: Pasteurized eggs or egg products shall be substituted for raw eggs in the preparation of foods such as Caesar salad, hollandaise sauce, mayonnaise, meringue, eggnog, ice cream, egg-fortified beverages, and recipes in which more than one egg is broken and the eggs are combined.

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**CDC.** How Restaurants Prepare Eggs, 2012.

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**> EGGS ARE VERSATILE, PROFITABLE PERFORMERS IN HOSPITAL MENUS**

Step aside, meat and potatoes.

In the NRA Hot Menu Trends survey (2012), **4 out of 5 professional chefs** rated egg entrees a top menu must-have.

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