## Allergy Aware: What's Hiding in Your Menu? Allergen Guide

**There are over 160 known food allergens.** This guide addresses the <u>NINE</u> Major Food Allergens that cause over 90 percent of all allergic reactions in food. These include: milk, egg, wheat, soy, peanuts, fish (such as bass, flounder, or cod), crustacean shellfish (such as crab, lobster, or shrimp), tree nuts (such as almonds, pecans, or walnuts), and sesame.

This guide is designed to provide restaurant guests with food allergies, intolerances, or sensitivities with accurate information about food ingredients, so they can make informed decisions when ordering. Contact Manager for any additional ingredient information.

## Creating and Using the Guide:

- 1. Review your menu and source ingredients.
- 2. Fill in the chart by writing in the menu item, then using a check or other mark to show which allergens are in each dish. A FOOD CAN CONTAIN MULTIPLE ALLERGENS!
- 3. This guide can be used internally by staff, as well as given to customers, so that everyone knows the allergens that are present in each dish.
  - a. Some packages list voluntary "made in a facility that also processes" statements. You may use a different mark to indicate these allergens if you wish to, but remember it is voluntary and that information is not always on the package. THE EXAMPLE SHOWS VOLUNTARY STATEMENTS WITH STARS.

## **EXAMPLE CHART:**

		Allergens													
Mer	nu items	Egg	Fish	Crustacean Shelfish	Milk	Soy	Peanuts	Tree Nuts	Wheat	Sesame					
Almond Cookies		✓			✓			✓	✓						
Bacon Strips						✓									
	Bagels								$\checkmark$	ightharpoons					
Bread	Corn Tortilla Chips					$\checkmark$		*							
Bread	Gluten Free Biscuit	*			V	*									
	Sourdough				✓				$\checkmark$						
Butter					✓										
	American				$\checkmark$	✓									
Cheese	Provolone				$\checkmark$										
Christine's Chicken Nuggets					✓		✓		✓						
Croutons					✓		<u>*</u>	*	✓						
Fryer oil							✓			V					
Jodi's Jerk Chicken		*				✓		✓							
Michelle's Mac and Cheese		☑			✓	✓			✓						
Mikki's Mahi Mahi Tacos		V	✓	*	✓	✓			✓						
	Salad (No dressing)				$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$	✓						
Nancy's Napa Salad	Salad (with dressing)	✓	V												
Onion Rings		*	*		$\checkmark$	abla		$\checkmark$							
Pot Roast					V	$\overline{\checkmark}$			V						
Rachel's Ravioli with Pesto Sauce		✓			✓	✓		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$						
Vegetable Medley															

 $\overline{y}$  = Contains this allergen  $\star$  = May contain this allergen or is processed in a facility with this allergen.

	Sesame Wheat Tree Nuts														
Allergens	Peanuts														
Aller	Soy														
	Crustacean Shellfish														
	Fish														
	Egg														
	Menu items														