Standard Operating Procedure for

Facility_____

Bare hand contact with Ready-to-Eat (RTE)

Why:	Hands can contaminate food with bacteria and viruses. Use gloves or utensils to protect RTE food from contamination by hands. Minimize bare hand contact.
Who:	Food workers who handle opened RTE food.
When:	Anytime opened RTE foods are touched/handled.
Where:	During storage, preparation and service.
How:	 Use gloves, utensils, food service tissues, or other – specify for food items. Use separate utensils for raw and RTE food Wash hands thoroughly before putting on gloves, and when gloves are changed Change gloves when beginning a new task, they become soiled or torn, you are finished handling raw meat, and before handling RTE food.
Correction:	Provide appropriate gloves utensils, or food service tissues.
PIC Verification:	Monitor RTE food handling visually throughout shift.

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