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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Southern Regional Health Authority Stages Food Safety Expo in the Alligator Pond Fishing Village Community

The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) will stage a Food Safety Exposition on Friday, May 29 at the Alligator Pond Primary School in South Manchester under the theme, **'From Farm to Plate, Make Food Safe'** as an ongoing initiative of World Health Day 2015.

The Expo will include the participation of schools at the primary and tertiary levels competing in a **"Keep food at safe temperatures; Dry, hot and cold"** competition. The students will also demonstrate various food safety procedures and practices and prevention and control methods.

Members of the public will be able to view booths which will be designed to teach and sensitize the public about food safety practices in an effort to stimulate healthier food safety practices and establish habits which will be developed into lifestyle patterns. There will also be a march through the Alligator Pond community to sensitize the public.

The Ministry of health continues to remind all Jamaicans to observe safe food handling practices by applying simple steps such as;

- Keep surfaces and equipment clean
- Wash hands thoroughly
- Separate raw and cooked food
- Cook food thoroughly
- Keep food at safe temperatures
- Use safe water and raw materials

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