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Please publish the attached press release as soon as possible. If you have any questions you may call me at the above number. Thank you.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Health District Inspecting Salons

The Central Connecticut Health District has added an Environmental Health Inspector to its staff to inspect salons in the Health District. In response to the adoption of a new Salon Ordinance in April 2008, Nance Wheeler was hired to inspect all barber shops, beauty salons and nail salons in Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield. All of the approximately 180 salons will be inspected to ensure each salon is meeting operational and sanitation standards, has proper equipment, and the facilities meet all health code requirements.

Nearly all of the salons in Wethersfield have been inspected, and inspections are about to begin in Newington. Salons in Berlin and Rocky Hill will follow soon. Annual licensure of each establishment, as well as proper licensure of personnel, are also addressed.

Complaints concerning the operation or condition of a barbershop, beauty salon or nail salon should be directed to the central office of the Health District, located at 505 Silas Deane Highway, in the Wethersfield Town Hall, at (860) 721-2822. Further information about the salon ordinance and other public health concerns is available at the Central Connecticut Health District by calling or on the internet at www.ccthd.org.