



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Food Safety Newsletter

Licensing 2017-2018

When completing your food service application for the 2017-2018 licensing year, please sign in section # 6 before returning. Please complete **all** boxes with the correct information, contact number(s), **and** most often used **email address(es)**. Make checks/money orders/cashier checks payable to the City of Detroit. Licenses will be retuned when all current and past due fees are paid. Contact your food safety specialist at the Detroit Health Department with any questions.

Feedback Wanted

We are looking for restaurants that would be interested in providing feedback to the Detroit Health Department Food Safety Unit. If you would be interested in responding to an occasional survey, would be interested in Joining a Focus Group or if you have comments or suggestions for us, please complete the following short survey.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=edd3675b744c4af9b2786c84f4ab6dc9>

Food Safety Enforcement

A reminder to facilities: In order to ensure long term compliance with the Food and Drug Administration Model Food Code of 2009, and the Michigan Law (act 92 or 2000, as amended), the Food Safety Division of the Detroit Health Department will administer progressive code enforcement whenever it is determined that health code violations are deemed to be continuous/recurring (documented in 3 consecutive inspections). Administrative Enforcement may include an office conference, field hearing, informal hearing, and/or a formal hearing, and fees (a \$100.00 administrative fee will be assessed at the time of the hearing and up to \$100.00 additional charge per uncorrected violation at each post hearing follow-up inspection). Contact your food safety specialist at the Detroit Health Department with any questions.

Allergen Certification

Public Act of 2014 requires the certified food safety manager at all food service establishments complete allergens training and display an allergens poster by January 17, 2017. Get your Allergen Training online at <http://www.michiganrestaurant.org/allergens>. You may also contact your food safety specialist at the Detroit Health Department with any questions.

Foodborne Illness Guidelines and Reporting Requirements

It is important that your facility have a written foodborne illness policy. The Detroit Health Department recommends using the FDA guidance information recommended by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD):

<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/ucm124043.pdf>

In this link, Forms 1-A through 1-C are designed to assist those responsible for managing employees in order to prevent foodborne disease. The Food Code specifies that the permit holder is responsible for requiring conditional employees or food employees to report certain symptoms, diagnosis, and past illnesses, as they relate to diseases transmitted through food by infected workers. The Foodborne Illness Guidelines poster should be posted in your facility as a reminder to the operators and staff of the reporting requirements. **Reminder:** If you receive a diagnosis of the Big Five or any of your employees report a diagnosis of any of the Big Five, **YOU MUST** contact the Food Safety Unit of the Detroit Health Department immediately at **313-876-0135**.

Norovirus

Speaking of the Big Five, food safety has had a significant number of confirmed or suspected outbreaks of *norovirus*. *Norovirus* is highly contagious and can lead to large outbreaks that can be transmitted through your food or through other surfaces in the establishment that are contaminated by an infected employee or customer. The symptoms almost always include vomiting and diarrhea. Food safety strongly recommend that if an employee or customer vomits in the facility, that you use *norovirus* cleaning procedures. The following link is to the MDARD *norovirus* cleaning procedures:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Guidelines_for_Environmental_Cleaning_125846_7.pdf

Temporary Event/Outdoor Cooking

Cooking or serving food outside of your facility (including your facility's patio, parking lot, another location, etc.) quite often requires a temporary license. To ensure that you are following required city and state laws, contact your food safety specialist at the Detroit Health Department **and also** contact business license in the Coleman A. Young Building at **313-224-3179** with any questions.

Food Industry Related Resources

The Michigan Department of Agriculture has a variety of Resources for Restaurant Operators. The following link will take you to that section of the MDARD website:

http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-50772_45851_45853---,00.html