

2011 Changes in Minnesota law require food safety training for people who cook and serve food at some faith-based and community events. If you are a volunteer cook...

This Free Workshop is for You!



Date: October 18, 2011

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Locations: Video-conference centers in Anoka, Alexandria, Austin, Bemidji, Brainerd, Duluth, Fergus Falls, Mankato, Marshall, Red Wing, Rochester, Slayton, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Willmar, Wadena and Winona

Registration: <http://z.umn.edu/csfc>

Who should attend this free workshop?

Anyone who plans, prepares or serves food at large group events should attend. This includes cooks and servers at church and community events that occur once a week or only once a year. This workshop will satisfy the requirement for a trained volunteer as stated in Minnesota Statutes 157.22, as amended during the 2011 legislative session and effective on August 1, 2011.

Why should I attend?

Our food supply has changed and we all need to change the ways we handle food. These days, our food comes from all over the world. New, stronger bacteria and viruses are finding their way into our food. Also, food handling for large events is very different than home cooking. It is important that people who prepare, handle, or serve food know and practice safe food handling techniques. Though foodborne illnesses can be as mild as a stomach ache, they can also be fatal, or cause long-term disability.

Who are the instructors for the workshop?

Workshop instructors will be University of Minnesota Extension Food Safety Educators and staff from the Minnesota Department of Health.

What will the workshop cover?

- Foodborne illness: causes, concerns and past outbreaks at community events
- Personal hygiene and handwashing for safe food
- Purchasing, storing, and preparing foods safely
- Heating and reheating; cooling, holding and serving safe food
- Times and temperatures; and preventing cross-contamination
- New legal requirements for unlicensed kitchens

Questions?

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