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# FOOD FOCUS

FOOD PROTECTION SERVICES

## The Tulsa Health Department's food handler training is going online starting December 16.

Starting December 16, you will be able to complete the food handler permit process, from training to testing, entirely online. In-person classes will still be offered, but they will be less frequent.

In this edition of Food Focus, you can learn more about how this change will increase the convenience and accessibility of our food handler training program.



### How it works

1. Create an account on the training website: [tulsa.foodemployeepermit.org](http://tulsa.foodemployeepermit.org).
2. Complete the training and test.
3. Process the payment. Visa, Mastercard, Discover and group codes are accepted.
4. Print off certificate or take a screenshot.
  - Employers may require their own copy.
  - Permits are valid for three years.
5. If another copy is needed, simply log back in and print free-of-charge.

The cost of a food handler permit is \$20.

### Verification process

During health inspections, employees or managers will be required to present food handler permits to the inspector.

The inspector will scan the permits to verify legitimacy.

### No third-party permits accepted

Only Tulsa Health Department issued food handler permits are accepted.

### How will this benefit Tulsa County residents?

The new online training platform allows individuals to complete the food handler training 24/7 on their mobile device, tablet or computer. If needed, individuals can pause the training and finish at a later date. This added benefit will increase the convenience of completing our food safety training while maintaining a user-friendly experience.

Bringing the training online will also offer increased accessibility. The training and test will be offered in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cambodian, Cantonese, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese and closed captioning. We will soon be adding Burmese, Arabic, Punjabi, Thai and Tagalog.

### Group payments

If an employer wants to pay for his or her employees' food handler permits, they can create a group code through the website. After signing up, the employer can share the code with employees so they can enter it as their payment method.

To ensure security, employers will have the opportunity to verify each person who uses the code.

## What about in-person classes?

In-person classes will still be held, but they will be less frequent. All of these in-person classes will be located at the Eastgate Metroplex. The schedule will change on a monthly basis and be posted on our website, [tulsa-health.org/foodhandler](http://tulsa-health.org/foodhandler).

Eastgate Metroplex Training Center  
14002 E 21st St, Suite 550  
Tulsa, OK 74134  
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## Manager's Certification Updates

Manager's Certifications issued after January 2, 2020, will be valid for five years and the cost will be \$25. The process to become certified will not change.

**For the current in-person class schedule,  
visit [tulsa-health.org/foodhandler](http://tulsa-health.org/foodhandler)**

## January 2020 in-person food handler training schedule\*

- Mondays: 6 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 2 p.m.
- Thursdays: 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. (waiver test)
- Friday: 9 a.m. (Spanish)

*\*Subject to change*

## Important in-person class information

January office closures: January 1 (New Year's Day) and January 20 (MLK Jr. Day)

- Class size is limited.
- Please arrive 30 minutes before class time for registration.
- No one admitted once the class has started.
- The class will last about two hours.
- Please do not bring children under the age of six.
- The cost of a food handler permit is \$20.

