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FOOD FOCUS
FOOD PROTECTION SERVICES

Risk Factor Analysis

CDC has consistently identified five major risk factors related to food safety practices within the food industry that contribute to foodborne illnesses. These risk factors include:



THD inspectors verify control of these risk factors during routine inspections and make recommendations based on establishment food safety behaviors and practices.

We are in the process of conducting a five year study to measure risk factor trends using routine inspection data and determine trends over time. Then based on findings, intervention strategies will be further developed to improve monitoring and food safety training efforts. More to come.



Food Handler Permits & Food Manager Certificates

Food handler training and permits are administered online. Visit the Tulsa Health Department website to access the training.

If you've already obtained your food handler permit online, you can log back in and print off as many copies as you need for free. Just click "Returning User" and use the same login information.

Local food manager courses have resumed. Manager's certification course contact information can be found on the THD website. If an online training is completed, an ANSI accredited test will need to be completed at a proctored testing site.

The Tulsa Health Department began recognizing manager training for 5 years beginning January 2020. If you have a THD certified food manager certificate that is about to expire, but your training still has another 2 years; you can get it extended. Bring your certificate of completion to 5051 S 129th E Ave along with \$25 and an ID to get it extended.



Electronic Plan Review

Beginning May 2021, Environmental Public Health Division started to transition to an electronic plan review process. PDF plan drawings and applications may now be submitted through e-mail at PlanReview@tulsa-health.org

This will greatly cut down the environmental footprint, reduce turnaround time, and be overall more cost effective. Paper plan submissions will still be accepted, but THD hopes that there will be a 100% transition to the electronic process.



Third-Party Food Delivery Drivers

Tulsa city ordinance states that “It shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor offense for any person to serve, prepare food, or handle food utensils in a food service establishment, who cannot immediately exhibit a current and unrevoked permit issued by the Department.”

Door Dash, Uber Eats, Grubhub, and other third-party delivery drivers are not allowed to make drinks or complete food orders for delivery. Food handling activities need to be handled by trained food workers at the restaurant.

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