



Monroe County Department of Public Health

Food Worker Certification

As per Section 14-1.73 of the NYS Sanitary Code, the Monroe County Department of Public Health has established the following requirements:

A Certified Food Worker is required to be present at all operative times for food service establishments, including temporary food stands. Operating times are defined as any time when food preparation is being performed and is not limited to the establishment's operating hours.

There are two levels of training:

Level 1 Food Manager

Level 2 Food Handler

All medium and high risk facilities, as well as operators of more than one pushcart, need to have a person with Level 1 Certification. The person on record cannot be designated for multiple establishments. The presence of a Level 1 Food Manager can also satisfy the requirement for a Level 2 Food Handler.

Low risk facilities, such as bars or ice cream shops, do not require a Level 1 Food Manager, however they do need a Level 2 Food Handler present at all operating times of food service.

Low risk temporary food stands do not need a certified food worker on site.

Training Resources

Nationally Accredited Training Providers are widely available and used throughout the Food Service Industry. These courses include extensive training on food safety, are multilingual, and require an examination to demonstrate knowledge. Costs vary depending on courses taken, the purchase of educational material, and exam fees. Contact each training provider for training details.

Level 1 Food Manager Training (five year certification)

Level 2 Food Handler Training (three year certification)

Listed below are some sources for National Training Companies that provide online training option and/or local classroom instruction:

- AAA Food Safety (www.aaafoodhandler.com)
- Clements Food Safety Consulting LLC* (www.clementsfoodsafety.com)
- Foodlink* (<https://foodlinkny.org/program/training-resources/>)
- Food Safety Plus* (<https://foodsafetyplus.org/>)
- LMV First Food Safety Training** (lcatering585@gmail.com / 585-489-1219)
- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals (www.nrfsp.com)
- Nutri Rific (www.nutrific.com)
- Rochester Restaurant Solutions* (www.rocrs.net)
- ServSafe (www.servsafe.com)
- State Food Safety (www.statefoodsafety.com)
- Tap Series (<https://www.tapseries.com>)

* Offers in-person training

** Offers in-person training in English and Spanish

Contact the Food Protection Section at food@monroecounty.gov or (585)753-5064 with any questions, special needs, or other requests related to Food Worker Training.

Monroe County classroom training is currently suspended.