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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH County of Riverside

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DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

### FOOD SAFETY MANAGER CERTIFICATION

California Retail Food Code requires each food facility handling **non-prepackaged potentially hazardous food** to have at least one certified food safety manager.

- This individual may be an owner, manager, or employee who has passed one of several recognized examinations (see reverse side of this sheet for a list of accredited organizations). The certified food safety manager must be employed by the facility, but they need not be present at all times.
- The certified food safety manager is responsible for training all employees in food safety principles and must ensure food service employees who handle, prepare or serve, nonprepackaged foods have sufficient knowledge to properly complete their job duties.
- Evidence of certification must be kept on-site at all times for review by this Department.
- Riverside County Food Handler Certification, required of all food handlers, does not satisfy this requirement.
- Individuals who successfully pass an accredited food safety manager certification exam **ARE NOT** required to obtain Riverside County Food Handler Certification.
- One person **cannot** satisfy this requirement for more than one facility. However, multiple facilities located at the same place (directly next to each other) and under the same ownership are recognized as one entity and will need only one certified food safety manager.
- New operations and facilities that lose their certified food safety manager will have 60 days to comply with this requirement.
- Facilities that handle non-prepackaged, non-potentially hazardous foods may either provide a certified food safety manager or show adequate food safety knowledge pursuant to the types of foods handled.
- A food safety manager certification is valid for 5 years.
- Individuals operating a temporary food booth at a community event are exempt from the requirement of having a certified food safety manager.

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## FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS

The following link is a list of accredited organizations which offer food safety management certification training. This list is not an endorsement of any company by the County of Riverside and is merely provided as a reference for finding a testing company. These organizations are accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as meeting the requirements set forth in California Retail Food Code. Ensure that the certificate you obtain from a testing company has the ANSI seal validating its accreditation.

### Accredited ANSI Programs

