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N o t i c e o f F o o d S a f e t y C o d e U p d a t e s

U p c o m i n g E v e n t :

- Ohio Uniform Food Code Update Training
- **Where:**
Vinton County Community Building
- **When:**
March 11, 2016
- **RSVP:**
Environmental Division
(740) 596-0473

T o p i c s

- Definitions
- Limiting growth of organisms
- Food presentation/ Identity
- Person In Charge responsibilities (PIC)
- Equipment use/ operation
- Facility Layout

The Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Agriculture have teamed up and amended the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code. The training that will be held on March 11 will explain in more detail, but highlights of the changes follow.

Section 2.4 has added new language resulting in new, or more closely detailed duties. A level 2 certification is now required for a level 3 or 4 FSO or RFE. The Person In Charge will now also be required to keep written procedures for vomiting or diarrheal events, and ensure food safety plans are imple-

mented. The Person in Charge is also responsible for making sure food employees are informed in a verifiable manner of their responsibility to report illnesses. New language or amendments have also been added to chapters 3, 4, 7 and 9. Those



chapters include food labeling, and facility equipment and layout. The definition of package has changed, which will require some changes for labeling. This change will effect any FSO or RFE that

offers packaged food for sale.

These amendments will be effective March 1, 2016. The updated rule will be incorporated in the inspections following this date. There are a few other updates that will go into effect at a later date. Ohio Department of Health has not been provided the effective date for those changes. Those proposed changes include: allowing juice that has not been pasteurized be transferred to another facility as long as the facility name is the same, language on reduced oxygen packaging, as well as some general language changes that will be detailed in the March 11 training.

O h i o C e r t i f i c a t i o n R e q u i r e m e n t

To help ensure that proper food safety is being practiced. A level 2 certification in food protection is required for level 3 and 4 food operations by March 1, 2017. The level 2 course can be taken online; however, the test must be proctored by an indi-

vidual approved by ODH, in order to receive the ODH certification. Only one employee that has supervision management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service is required to obtain this certification. Questions regarding obtaining Ohio Certification can be

directed to Ohio Department of Health at 614-644-7416.



C o n t a c t U s :

The Vinton County Health Department's website (www.vintonohhealth.org) contains links to the Ohio Food Safety Code that can be printed. It also contains links to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), which can provide further details on obtaining Level Two Certification in Food Protection. If you need a printed version of the code, please contact us at (740)-596-0473 or 1-800-596-5233, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code Changes**Training Announcement:**

The Vinton County Health Department will hold a training on the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code on March 11, 2016. The training will be held from 9:00-11:00 am. The agenda will be focusing on the new updates to the rule. The areas to be reviewed will consist of key definitions, PIC responsibilities, Food labeling, Limitation of growth of organisms, Equipment use and Facility Layout. All areas play a key role in maintaining a safe and successful food facility. One portion of the rules will go into effect March 1, 2016. We will discuss the other changes that will go into effect at a later date, but that date has not yet been determined by the Ohio Department of Health.



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