APPLICATION PACKET
RETAIL FOOD FACILITIES
TEMPORARY LICENSE
NON-MOBILE FACILITIES

Any facility selling or serving food to the end consumer

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Enclosed is the application for obtaining a Temporary Non-Mobile Retail Food Facility License from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Please note according to Retail Food Facility Safety Act (3 Pa. C.S.A. §§5701 - 5714), "...it shall be unlawful for any proprietor to conduct or operate a retail food facility without first obtaining a license for each retail food facility...."

All material must be fully completed and returned with any necessary accompanying documentation to the regional office as listed by county. If your county is not listed, your facility is under a County Health Department Jurisdiction, and should be contacted directly for licensing. These counties include Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Erie, Montgomery, and Philadelphia.

All material must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the preparation/sale of food from a retail food facility. Failure to provide all required information could delay your plan review.

The Department of Agriculture Food Inspector and/or Regional Supervisor will review all plans and notify you of its approval/disapproval. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for processing. Once you receive your approval, notify your Food Inspector or regional office at least 10 days prior to operation to arrange a licensing inspection.

**MAILING ADDRESSES:**

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Services

Followed by the address below:

**Region 1**
Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren
13410 DUNHAM RD, MEADVILLE PA 16335
Phone: 814-332-6890 Fax: 814-333-1431

**Region 2**
Cameron, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Northumberland, Montour, Potter, Snyder, Tioga and Union
542 COUNTY FARM RD, SUITE #102, MONTOURSVILLE PA 17754
Phone: 570-433-2640 Fax: 570-433-4770

**Region 3**
Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming
RT 92 SOUTH, PO BOX C, TUNKHANNOCK PA 18657
Phone: 570-836-2181 Fax: 570-836-6266

**Region 4N/4S**
Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland
226 DONOHOE RD, SUITE 101, GREENSBURG PA 15601
Phone: 724-832-1073 Fax: 724-832-1013

**Region 5**
Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin and Somerset
3001 FAIRWAY DR, ALTOONA PA 16602 Phone: 717-705-5500 Fax: 814-793-1869

**Region 6E/6W**
Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Perry, Schuylkill, and York
2301 N. CAMERON ST, ROOM G11, HARRISBURG PA 17110
Phone: 717-346-3223 Fax: 717-346-3229

**Region 7**
Bucks, Delaware, Lehigh, Northampton
1015 BRIDGE RD, COLLEGEVILLE PA 19426
Phone: 610-489-1003 Fax: 610-489-6119

*Counties not listed are under a Local Health Jurisdiction and Retail Licenses would need obtained from those agencies.*
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7 Pa. Code, Chapter 46, Food Code, the Rules and Regulations of the PA Department of Agriculture, are issued under the Retail Food Facility Safety Act (3 Pa. C.S.A. §§5701 - 5714) and require that properly prepared plans and specifications for construction, remodeling or alteration of a retail food facility must be submitted to and approved by the Department before food can be prepared, served and sold. PDA follows the most current version of the FDA Model Food Code as its regulations. The Retail Food Facility Safety Act also requires that “New” Proprietors, or Owners, of a Retail Food Facility apply for licensing as all licenses are non-transferable between proprietors.

SECTION 1: COMPLETE AND MOVE TO SECTION 2

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN REVIEW

LICENSE TYPE: Retail Food Facility – Temporary Non-Mobile

PART A: Facility is:
☐ Permanent structure (i.e. concession stand) ☐ Permanent building (i.e. church kitchen)

PART B: Facility is located:
☐ Indoor ☐ Outdoor

SECTION 2: COMPLETE AND MOVE TO SECTION 3

FACILITY INFORMATION

NAME OF FACILITY (Common Public Name):
__________________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS OF FACILITY (Location of food sale/service):
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Facility street number and name City State Zip code

County ________________________________ Township/Borough ________________________________
(_______)________________________ (_______)________________________
Facility phone number Facility fax number

Facility email address Facility cell number or alternate phone number

MAILING ADDRESS (if different than above):
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Street number and name City State Zip code

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION TYPE: ☐ FOR PROFIT ☐ CHARITABLE OR NON-PROFIT

LEGAL BUSINESS NAME (if different than facility name):
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

LEGAL OWNER MAILING ADDRESS (if different than above mailing address):

Owner street number and name City State Zip code
(_______)________________________ (_______)________________________
Owner phone number Owner fax number Owner e-mail address

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL AT THE FOOD FACILITY (Person-in-charge):

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FILL IN DETAILED INFORMATION FOR YOUR PROPRIETORSHIP ON PAGE 8 OF THIS APPLICATION.

**SECTION 3: COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION AND MOVE TO SECTION 4**

**NON-EVENT FACILITY INFORMATION**

**DAYS & TIMES OF OPERATION:** List days and times of operation including set-up time. If non-consecutive days of operation, list all dates facility plans to be operational. *Total number of days cannot exceed 14 days.*

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**EVENT/CELEBRATION FACILITY INFORMATION**

**NAME OF EVENT/CELEBRATION:**

**DATES & TIMES OF OPERATION:** List date, days and times the event will be operational:

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**SECTION 4: COMPLETE AND MOVE TO SECTION 5**

**FACILITY SERVICE INFORMATION**

**TYPE OF FACILITY:**
- □ TFS Type 1 – Commercially packaged non-TCS foods
- □ TFS Type 2 – Commercially packaged TCS-foods
- □ TFS Type 3 – Non-complex food preparation
- □ TFS Type 4 – Complex food preparation

**TYPE OF SERVICE:** Check **ALL** that apply:
- □ Non-profit
- □ Seasonal Operation
- □ Church/Fire Hall
- □ Other, describe: ________________________________

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TYPE OF MENU: Attach a proposed list of all food/beverage products that will be prepared, sold, or given away.
☐ Product is packaged by food processor and stays packaged
☐ Product is unpackaged and handled/prepared at facility

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION:
Anticipated # of employees/volunteers ____________

Do you have a Certified Food Manager on Staff?
☐ YES, attach copy of National Certificate (ANSI Approved Managers Exam)
☐ NO, exempt (non-profit) or other exempt facility

Do you have an employee health policy?  ☐ YES  ☐ NO
Do you have a written employee policy for cleanup of vomiting or diarrheal events in the facility?  ☐YES  ☐ NO

SECTION 5: COMPLETE AND MOVE TO SECTION 6
WATER, SEWER, WASTE INFORMATION

WATER: The facility is using:
☐ A municipal (community) water supply. Provide name of municipal water supplier: ____________________________________ (ex: Pa American Water)

☐ A non-community public water supply regulated by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Provide Public Water System (PWS) ID#: _______________________

☐ Other / Private water supply (ex: well water). *Contact DEP to determine if your facility qualifies as a public water system. If DEP determines your facility qualifies as a public water system, then the water supply must be approved by DEP. Written documentation must be provided including your assigned Public Water System (PWS) ID# and approval letter from DEP. If DEP determines your facility does NOT qualify as a public water system, then current water tests must be provided for Total Coliform (4 initial samples in 24 hours) and 1 initial sample for Nitrate/Nitrite.

I have attached proof of municipal water supply OR I have contacted DEP and attached my approval letter OR I have attached my non-public water supply results.

Applicant Signature: ________________________________________________________________

SEWER: The facility is using:

☐ A municipal/public sewage disposal system. Sewage Authority: _____________________________________

☐ A non-public sewage disposal system (ex: Sand mounds, holding tanks).
For on-lot sewage disposal systems, please contact the local Sewage Enforcement Officer for your municipality and discuss if the current sewage disposal system is appropriate for your food facility. This would not apply if the facility is connected to an approved municipal supply, as listed above.

I have contacted my municipality regarding my on-lot sewage disposal system. To the best of my knowledge my on-lot system meets state and/or local codes, is adequate for my Retail Food Facility and functioning properly.

Applicant Signature: ________________________________________________________________

REFUSE:
☐ The food facility refuse collector is ____________________ (company name)
☐ List any other refuse/waste collection companies (ex: grease collection) _______________________________

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**SECTION 6: COMPLETE AND MOVE TO SECTION 7**

**STRUCTURAL AND EQUIPMENT INFORMATION**

**TYPE OF FACILITY STRUCTURE:**
- [ ] Permanent building or structure (smooth, non-porous, and easily cleanable surfaces)
- [ ] Non-permanent:
  - Overhead Covering: [ ] Canvas  [ ] Wood  [ ] Other: ________________________
  - Floor: [ ] Asphalt  [ ] Concrete  [ ] Wood  [ ] Other: ________________________
  - Walls: [ ] Screens  [ ] Concrete  [ ] Wood  [ ] Other: ________________________

**TYPE OF UTENSILS AND EQUIPMENT:**
- [ ] Single-serve eating and drinking utensils  [ ] Multi-use kitchen utensils

**TYPE OF UTENSIL WASHING SET UP:**
- [ ] Three basin set-up
- [ ] Shared three compartment sink
- [ ] Three compartment sink within a food facility

**TYPE OF HANDWASHING FACILITY:**
- [ ] Gravity-fed water with spigot/bucket
- [ ] Self-contained portable unit (with potable water and waste water holding tanks)
- [ ] Plumbed with hot and cold water under pressure

**SANITIZER TO BE USED:**
- [ ] Chlorine  [ ] Quaternary Ammonia  [ ] Iodine

**SECTION 7: COMPLETE AND MOVE TO SECTION 8**

**FACILITY FLOOR PLAN, EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE & PROPOSED MENU**

All facilities must **SUBMIT** copies of:
- Proposed menu
- Facility floor plan/layout including location of all food service equipment
- Listing of all food service equipment including manufacture’s names and model numbers where applicable (i.e. cooking, hot and cold holding equipment)
- Handwashing and dishwashing facilities (3-compartment set up)
- Work tables
- Food storage (location and size)
- Single-service, single-use article storage (location and size)
- Garbage disposal (type and location)
- Surface or finish coat material of floors, walls and ceilings (even if temporary)
- Lighting schedule
- Overhead protection or ceiling
- Windows, doors, screens, overhead tents, side wall screening as applicable
- Location of toilet facilities for food employees

Information can be included in the form of a drawing, images, or combination. Plans may be hand drawn, but must be to approximate scale, neat and legible. Plans will NOT be returned. If all information is not supplied, approval will be delayed, and your application may not be approved.
SECTION 8: ALL APPLICANTS READ AND SIGN

FACILITY OPENING:

Anticipated date of opening for the facility/event: _______________ (date)

There are NO fees associated with this Plan Review Application. DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH THIS APPLICATION.

License fees will be collected at the time of the licensing inspection pending the facility is compliant with all Food Safety laws and regulations. The fees are as follows (payable to: Commonwealth of PA):

Temporary Retail Food License
- New Licenses - $14

Other fees
- Remodel Plan Review – no charge
- Change of Ownership – $14
- Annual Renewals – $14
- 2nd Follow-up Inspection – $150
- 3rd or Subsequent Follow-up Inspection – $300
- Duplicate License – $14
- Courtesy Inspection – $150

This application, along with the floor plan and all other requested materials, as listed above, must be submitted to your local Regional Office as listed on the cover letter. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for processing of your plan review/application from the date of post marking. You may be contacted by your regional Food Inspector requesting further clarification or information. The Food Inspector will contact you with final approval OR you will be sent a letter via USPS with a disapproval, including the reasons, of this plan. Next, an on-site inspection will occur. An opening inspection must take place prior to licensing and operating.
The Applicant understands and agrees that this document is an application for licensure of a retail food facility. The applicant understands and agrees that only a “proprietor” of a retail food facility may obtain a retail food facility license; and that a “proprietor” may be a person, partnership, association or corporation operating a retail food facility within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The applicant verifies by signature below, that they are the “proprietor” of the retail food facility that is the subject of this application. The applicant verifies that all statements and information in this application is true and correct to the best of the applicant’s knowledge, information and belief; and makes these statements subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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**LICENSE TYPE:**
- ☐ RETAIL FOOD FACILITY – PERMANENT
- ☐ RETAIL FOOD FACILITY – TEMPORARY

**RISK CATEGORY:**
- ☐ TFS TYPE 1 – exempt
- ☐ TFS TYPE 2
- ☐ TFS TYPE 3
- ☐ TFS TYPE 4

**APPROVAL**
- Approval date
- Applicant contacted date
- Method

**DISAPPROVAL**
- Disapproval date
- Letter mailed to applicant date
- Reasons for denial:

**REVIEWING INSPECTOR:**
DEFINITIONS

**Food Facility** - Includes an operation that is conducted in a mobile, stationary, temporary, or permanent facility or location; where consumption is on or off the PREMISES; and regardless of whether there is a charge for the FOOD.

**Mobile Food Facility (MFF)** - A movable retail food facility, such as a stand, vehicle, cart, basket, box or similar structure, from which food is stored, prepared, processed, distributed or sold and the facility: (1) physically locates at one site or location for no more than 14 consecutive days, in one calendar year, regardless of whether or not the facility operates continuously during that time period; and (2) is not a retail food facility holding a temporary license.

**Time/Temperature Controlled for Safety (TCS) food** - A food that requires temperature control because it is capable of supporting the rapid growth of infectious or toxic microorganisms which can make people sick.

**Temporary Food Service Facility (TFS)** - A food facility obtaining a Temporary Retail Food Facility License, which is non-mobile.

**Temporary Retail Food License**
- A license that is the following (Temporary Event License):
  - Issued to the operator selling in conjunction with an event or celebration and
  - Valid for the duration of the particular event or celebration of no more than 14 days duration (whether these days are consecutive or nonconsecutive)
- OR
- A license that is the following (Temporary Food Facility License):
  - Issued to a food facility operator operating a food facility, whether stationary or mobile and in operation for a total of no more than 14 days within a particular calendar year and
  - Not in conjunction with an event or celebration

**Fees:** Temporary Licenses are $14.00. Do not send money with this Application. The license fee will be collected at the time of your licensing inspection. Check or Money Orders only made out to the ‘Commonwealth of PA’.

PLAN REVIEW AND APPLICATION PROCESS

No person, firm, or corporation is allowed to operate a food facility (permanent or temporary) where food or beverages are served to the public without a license from the food regulatory authority.

The plans and application for a non-mobile TFS must include all the information necessary to assure that the physical and sanitary facilities are adequate to ensure safe food, in the same manner a permanent food facility goes through plan review.

Prior to issuing a license to a food facility, the Department is responsible for performing a pre-operational plan review. The review provides the opportunity to review areas of concern and must be conducted prior to the issuance of a license. This process should begin 60 days prior to opening the TFS.

To obtain a temporary retail food license, the applicant shall complete and submit an Application for a
Temporary License (Non-Mobile) including floor plan and equipment schedules at least 60 calendar days before the event or first day of business.

Step 1: Apply for a License 4 – 6 weeks prior to operation. MAIL YOUR APPLICATION INCLUDING FLOOR PLAN SKETCH, PROPOSED MENU, AND EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE AS NOTED ON PAGE 2 OF THIS APPLICATION.

Step 2: When approval is obtained on your Application and the facility is ready for inspection, contact your Inspector to schedule a pre-operational (licensing) inspection. This may occur at the event itself.

Step 3: Once a satisfactory pre-operational inspection is preformed, your Inspector will collect your licensing fee and you will be able to operate.

Step 4: Your formal Retail Food License will be mailed to you 2- 4 weeks after your pre-operational inspection. Your inspection report will serve as your license until you receive your actual license in the mail.

Step 5: Your license must be renewed annually. A renewal will be mailed to you. Temporary Licenses are renewed each December. Please return your renewal and payment by December 31.

TEMPORARY FOOD FACILITY CLASSIFICATIONS

Facilities that offers only prepackaged non-TCS foods (TFS Type 1) are exempt from the license fees; however, these types of facilities must still complete an Application and Plan Review and will be subject to inspection.

TFS requirements are risk based according to the food service operations that will occur.

Temporary Food Service (TFS) Type 1
- Packaged non-TCS foods

Temporary Food Service (TFS) Type 2
- Commercially processed packaged TCS in its original package (Receive-Store-Hold)

Temporary Food Service (TFS) Type 3
- Food Preparation with no cook step (Receive-Store-Prepare-Hold-Serve)
- Preparation for same day service (Receive-Store-Prepare-Cook-Hold-Serve)
- Reheating of a commercially processed food item (Receive-Store-Reheat-Hold-Serve)

Temporary Food Service (TFS) Type 4
- Complex food preparation (Receive-Store-Prepare-Cook-Cool-Reheat-Hot Hold-Serve)
- Large quantities of food being prepared (e.g., Olympics, Academy Awards, State Fairs)
- Using Time as a Public Health Control
- Serving a Highly Susceptible Population

TEMPORARY LICENSE FACILITY OPERATIONS CHECKLIST

The following checklist provides an overview of the general requirements that must be addressed. The local regulatory authority may impose additional requirements based upon the type of food preparation and/or sanitary facilities available.

PERSONNEL
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PERSON-IN-CHARGE (PIC): A designated person must be on site during all hours of operations of the TFS facility. The PIC is responsible for ensuring compliance with health code requirements. (§2-101.11, 2-103.11)

CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER: At least one person that has supervisory and management responsibility and authority to direct and control food preparation and service shall comply with Food Employee Certification for food facilities that are classified as TFS Type 3 or TFS Type 4. (§2-102.12)

EMPLOYEE HEALTH: Employees with communicable diseases which can be transmitted through food shall be excluded and/or restricted from food activities. (§2-201.11, 2-201.12, 2-201.13, 2-401.12)

There must be employee practices and behaviors established that can help prevent the spreading of viruses and bacteria to food. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and FDA cite six highly infective pathogens that can be easily transmitted by food employees and cause severe illness. These six pathogens known as the Big Five are Norovirus, the Hepatitis A virus, Salmonella Typhi, Salmonella Non-typhoidal, Shigella spp., and Escherichia coli (E. coli) 0157:H7 or other Enterohemorrhagic or Shiga toxin-producing E. coli.

Interventions must be used to prevent the transmission of foodborne illness. These interventions include (a) restricting or excluding ill food employees from working with food; (b) using proper handwashing procedures; and (c) eliminating bare hand contact with foods that are ready-to-eat (RTE).

Proper management involves ensuring that food employees do not work when they are ill and having procedures for identifying employees who may transmit foodborne pathogens to food, other employees, and consumers. Symptoms that the person in charge (PIC) should be concerned with include: vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice (yellow skin or eyes), sore throat with fever, infected cuts and burns with pus on hands and wrists.

Information and forms to aid in complying with Employee Health can be found in the FDA Model Food Code and the Employee Health and Personal Hygiene Handbook. (http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/RetailFoodProtection/IndustryandRegulatoryAssistanceandTrainingResources/ucm113827.htm)

HANDWASHING: Food employees shall wash their hands upon entering the TFS or food preparation and service areas, immediately before engaging in food preparation, after using the toilet room, and as often as necessary to remove soil and contamination and to prevent cross contamination. (§2-301.11, 2-301.12, 2-301.14, 2-301.15)

HANDWASHING FACILITIES: Handwashing facilities shall be located to allow convenient use by food employees in food preparation, food dispensing and warewashing areas. Handwashing sinks are to only be used for handwashing. A handwashing sign shall be posted at each handwashing sink. (§5-204.11, 5-205.11, 5-202.12, 5-203.11, 6-301.11, 6-301.12, 6-301.14, 6-301.20)

- Packaged food only – Handwash stations are not required if only commercially pre-packaged foods are kept in their original containers and will be provided to consumers in the package. Disposable moist towelettes must be provided.

- Unpackaged food that is Non-TCS Food or TCS Food– Handwash station/basins that provide gravity feed water. For example – A five-gallon insulated container with a spigot which can be turned on to allow potable warm water to flow over one’s hands into a waste receiving bucket of...
HYGIENE: Food employees shall maintain a high degree of personal cleanliness and shall conform to good hygienic practices during all working periods. (§2-302.11)
- Food employees shall have clean outer garments, aprons and effective hair restraints. (§2-304.11, 2-402.11)
- Food employees are not allowed to smoke or eat (including chewing gum) in the food preparation and service areas. A food employee may drink from a closed beverage container if the container is handled to prevent contamination of the employee’s hands; the container; and exposed food, clean equipment, utensils and single-service/single-use articles. (§2-401.11)
- All non-working, unauthorized persons should be restricted from food preparation and service areas. (§2-103.11)

NO BARE HAND CONTACT: Employees preparing food may not contact exposed, ready-to-eat food with their bare hands and shall use suitable utensils such as deli paper, spatulas, tongs, single-use gloves or dispensing equipment. (§3-301.11)

FOOD SOURCE

SOURCE: All food shall be obtained from sources that comply with law. All meat and poultry shall come from USDA or other acceptable government regulated approved sources. (§3-201.11)
- Neither home canned foods or Non-TCS foods prepared at home are allowed unless the producer is registered and inspected as a Limited Food Producer by the Department of Agriculture.
- No TCS home cooked or prepared foods may be offered or used by a TFS facility. (§3-201.11)
- All TCS food which is pre-cooked and pre-cooled off site for service at the temporary food facility shall be prepared at an approved, permanent food facility. (§3-201.11)
- Ice for use as a food or a cooling medium shall be made from potable water. (§3-202.16)

TRANSPORTATION: Food shall be transported in a manner that protects the food from contamination and if a TCS food item shall be maintained at 135°F or above or 41°F or below. (§3-202.15, 3-501.16)

FOOD PREPARATION

FOOD CONTAMINATION: All cooking and serving areas shall be protected from contamination. Consumers shall be prevented from accessing areas of the TFS facility where food,
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food-contact surfaces, and equipment are located. (§2-103.11(B), 3-307.11)

- CROSS CONTAMINATION: Food shall be protected from cross contamination by separating raw animal foods from ready-to-eat foods and separating types of raw animal foods from each other during storage, preparation, holding, and display. (§3-302.11, 3-307.11)
  - Equipment and utensils (including knives, cutting boards, and food storage containers) shall be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized after being used for raw animal foods and before being used for ready-to-eat food. (§3-304.11, 4-602.11)

The following practices are only permitted with TFS Type 1 and TFS Type 2

- HANDLING OF PACKAGED NON-TCS FOOD:
  During storage food shall be protected from contamination. (§3-305.14, 3-307.11)

- HOLDING OF COMMERCIALLY PROCESSED PACKAGED TCS FOOD:
  TCS food shall be maintained at 135°F or higher or 41°F or below. (§3-501.16)

The following practices are only permitted with TFS Type 3

- HOLDING OF TCS FOOD: Time/Temperature Control for Safety Food shall be maintained at 135°F or higher or 41°F or below. (§3-501.16)

- COOKING: Food shall be cooked to the minimum temperatures and times specified below**: (§3-401.11, 3-603.11)
  - 165°F for 15 seconds - poultry; wild game animals; stuffing containing fish, meat, poultry or ratites; stuffed fish, meat, pasta, poultry or ratites.
  - 155°F for 15 seconds - mechanically tenderized and injected meats; the following if they are comminuted: fish, meat (hamburgers), game animals commercially raised for food; pooled raw eggs; ratites.
  - 145°F for 15 seconds - raw eggs that are broken and prepared in response to a consumer’s order and for immediate service; fish and meat.
  **TFS operators should consult with their Inspector if considering cooking roasts (whole beef, pork, cured pork (ham) and corned beef) or if serving or selling undercooked foods to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Food Code.

- THAWING: TCS food shall be thawed either under refrigeration that maintains the food temperature at 41°F or less, or as part of a cooking process. (§3-501.13)

- REHEATING FOR HOT HOLDING OF COMMERCIALLY PROCESSED FOOD:
  - Food from a commercially processed, hermetically sealed container of food or from an intact package from a food processing plant shall be reheated to 135°F for hot holding. (§3-403.11)

The following two practices are only permitted at a TFS Type 4

- COOLING: TCS shall be cooled by an approved method in accordance with the following time and temperature criteria: (§3-501.14 3-501.15)
  - Cooked TCS food shall be cooled within 2 hours from 135°F to 70°F and within a total of 6
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Hours from 135°F to 41°F or less.

- TCS food prepared from ingredients at ambient temperature shall be cooled within 4 hours to 41°F or less.

- **Reheating for Hot Holding:** TCS food that is cooked and cooled at a permanent food facility prior to delivery to the temporary food facility shall be reheated so that all parts of the food reach a temperature of at least **165°F for 15 seconds if hot held.** (§3-403.11)
  - Reheating shall be done rapidly so that the food is between 41°F and 165°F for no more than 2 hours.
  - Cooked and refrigerated food that is prepared in response to an individual consumer order may be served at any temperature.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment used for cooking or for holding of TCS food shall be evaluated for approval based on a menu review, food service operations that will occur, and the length of the event. (§4-301.11)

- **Cooking Devices:**
  - For safety reasons, cooking equipment, such as BBQs, propane stoves, and grills, should be roped off or otherwise segregated from the public (§3-307.11) if cooking is occurring outside.

- **Cold Storage:**
  - Packaged food may not be stored in direct contact with ice or water if the food is subject to the entry of water because of the nature of its packaging, wrapping, or container or its positioning in the ice or water. (§3-303.12)
  - Each refrigeration unit should have a numerically scaled thermometer accurate to ±3°F if scaled only in Fahrenheit or ±1.5°C if dually scaled in Celsius and Fahrenheit to measure the air temperature of the unit. (§4-203.12, 4-204.112)
  - An effectively insulated, hard sided, cleanable container with sufficient ice or other means to maintain TCS food at 41°F or below may be approved for the storage of small quantities of TCS food. (§3-501.16, 4-301.11). Mechanical refrigeration units may be needed to keep TCS food at 41°F or below. (§3-501.16, 4-301.11)

- **Hot Storage:** Hot food storage units shall be used to keep TCS food at 135°F or above. Electrical equipment, propane stoves, grills, etc. shall be capable of holding foods at 135°F or above. (§3-501.16, 4-301.11)

- **Thermometers:** A thermocouple or metal stem thermometer shall be provided to check the internal temperatures of TCS hot and cold food items. Food temperature measuring devices that are scaled only in Celsius or dually scaled in Celsius and Fahrenheit shall be accurate to +/-1°C or if scaled only in Fahrenheit shall be accurate to +/-2°F in the intended use of range. Temperature measuring devices shall be equipped with a small diameter probe if thin foods are served. (§4-302.12, 4-502.11)

- **Counters/Shelves:** All food contact surfaces shall be non-toxic, smooth, easily cleanable, durable, nonabsorbent, and free of seams and difficult to clean areas. All other surfaces shall be finished so that they are easily cleanable. (§4-101.11)

Food and Utensil Storage
DRY STORAGE: All food, equipment, utensils, and single service items shall be stored at least 6" off the ground or floor on pallets, tables, or shelving. Food shall be protected from contamination and shall have effective overhead protection. (§3-305.11, 3-305.12)

FOOD DISPLAY: All food and food contact surfaces shall be protected from consumer handling, coughing, sneezing or other contamination. (§3-306.11, 3-306.12, 3-306.13)
- Use sneeze guards or other effective barriers for food on display.
- Keep food covered, except for working containers of food.
- Condiments shall be dispensed in single service type packaging, in pump-style dispensers, or in protected squeeze bottles, shakers, or similar dispensers which prevent contamination of the food items by food employees, patrons, insects, or other sources.
- Knives, forks, and spoons that are not pre-wrapped shall be presented so that only the handles are touched.

IN-USE UTENSILS: Food dispensing utensils shall be stored in the food with their handles above the top of the food and container; on a clean portion of the food preparation table or cooking equipment; or in a container of water if the water is maintained at a temperature of at least 135°F and the utensil and container is cleaned as necessary to preclude accumulation of soil residues. (§3-304.12)

CLEANING AND SANITIZING

Equipment food-contact surfaces and utensils shall be cleaned and sanitized when changing from working with raw foods to working with ready-to-eat foods; between uses with raw fruits and vegetables and with TCS food; before using or storing a food temperature measuring device; and if used with TCS food shall be cleaned throughout the day at least every 4 hours; and at any time during the operation when contamination may have occurred. (§4-602.11)

WAREWASHING: A commercial dishwasher or manual warewashing method should be utilized to wash, rinse, and sanitize equipment and utensils coming into contact with food.

The minimum requirements for a utensil washing set-up to wash/rinse/sanitize should consist of 3 basins, large enough for complete immersion of utensils, a potable hot water supply, and an adequate disposal system for the wastewater.

SANITIZING: Chlorine bleach or other approved sanitizers should be provided for sanitizing food contact surfaces, equipment, and wiping cloths. Sanitizers shall be used in accordance with the EPA-registered label use instructions. An approved test kit shall be available to accurately measure the concentration of sanitizing solutions. (§4-501.116, 4-703.11)

WIPING CLOTHS: Wiping cloths that are in use for wiping food spills shall be used for no other purpose and shall be stored clean and dry or in a clean sanitizing solution at the approved sanitizer concentration. (§3-304.14)

WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER DISPOSAL

WATER: An adequate supply of potable water shall be available on site for cooking and drinking purposes; for cleaning and sanitizing equipment, utensils, and food contact surfaces; and for handwashing. (applicable sections in Chapter 5 FDA Food Code)
- Water shall come from an approved DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) public water
supply or a DEP approved well. If the water supply is not regulated by DEP you will need to supply water test results along with your Application for Total Coliform and Nitrate/Nitrite.

- **TFS type 1 & 2:** 1 Total Coliform and 1 Nitrate/Nitrite test
- **TFS type 3 & 4:** 4 Total Coliform tests in 24 hrs and 1 Nitrate/Nitrite

- The water supply system and hoses carrying water shall be constructed with approved food contact materials. *Recommend labeling potable water hose.*
- The water supply shall be protected with backflow devices to preclude the backflow of contaminants into the potable water supply. (§5-202.13, 5-202.14, 5-203.14, 5-203.15)
- All hose and other connections to the potable water supply shall be maintained a minimum of 6” above the ground or top plane surface.
- A supply of commercially bottled drinking water or sanitary potable water storage tanks may be allowed if approved by the Inspector.

- **WASTEWATER DISPOSAL:** Wastewater shall be disposed in an approved waste water disposal system. Wastewater may not be dumped onto the ground surface, into waterways, or into storm drains; but shall be collected and disposed through an approved sewage disposal system. (§5-402.13)

**PREMISES**

- **FLOORS:** Inside floors must be smooth non-porous and easily cleanable. If outside of a building or structure floors must be graded to drain, a floor may be concrete, machine-laid asphalt, or dirt or gravel if it is covered with mats, removable platforms, duckboards, or other approved materials that are effectively treated to control dust and mud. (§6-101.11).

- **WALLS AND CEILINGS:** Walls and ceilings inside of building or structures shall be smooth, non-porous and easily cleanable. If outside, the TFS shall be covered with a canopy or other type of overhead protection, unless the food items offered are commercially prepackaged food items and dispensed in their original containers.
  - If outside, walls and ceilings, when required, are to be of tight and sound construction to protect against the elements, windblown dust and debris, insects, or other sources that may contaminate food, food contact surfaces, equipment, utensils, or employees. (§6-101.11)
  - Inside a building or structure, window and door openings shall be protected from insects and rodents by 16 mesh to 1 inch screen, properly designed air curtain, or other effective means. (§6-202.15)

- **LIGHTING:** Adequate lighting by natural or artificial means shall be provided. Light bulbs shall be shielded, coated, or otherwise shatter-resistant in areas where there is exposed food; clean equipment and utensils; or unwrapped single-service and single-use articles. (§6-202.11)

- **REFUSE:** An adequate number of non-absorbent, easily cleanable refuse containers shall be provided both inside and outside of each TFS site. Refuse containers shall be removed at a frequency that will minimize the development of objectionable odors and other conditions that attract or harbor insects and rodents. Dumpster shall be covered, rodent-proof, and non-absorbent. Grease shall be disposed of properly and shall not be dumped onto the ground surface. (§5-501.13, 5-502.11, 5-502.12)

- **TOILET FACILITIES:** An adequate number of approved toilet and handwashing facilities shall be provided for food employees. The toilet facilities, preferably permanently established, should be conveniently located to the food preparation areas and be supplied with toilet tissue. Toilets may consist of properly designed, operated, and maintained portable toilets. (§5-203.12, 5-204.11, 6-302.11)

- **CLOTHING STORAGE:** Personal clothing and belongings should be stored at a designated place in the TFS away from food preparation, food service and warewashing areas. (§6-305.11, 6-305.11)
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- **TOXIC MATERIALS**: Poisonous or toxic materials shall be properly labeled and stored so they cannot contaminate food, equipment, utensils, and single-service and single-use articles. Only those chemicals necessary for the food service operation shall be provided. (§7-202.11, 7-202.12)

- **PESTS**: The TFS shall be maintained free of insects, rodents, and other pests. (§6-202.15)