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DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

County of Riverside Ordinance No. 567 (Riverside County Code 8.44) requires anyone whose job includes the handling of food, beverages, or utensils be certified in safe food handling practices. This program is called the Food Handler Certification Program and its primary goal is to prevent foodborne illness. All employees must have a current Food Handler Certificate within **SEVEN DAYS** of beginning employment in a food facility.

To receive a Food Handler Certificate, you must read the Food Handler Study Guide and pass a 50 question multiple-choice examination. A passing score is 35 or more correct answers. There is a minimal fee charged to take the exam. **Fees must be paid in cash, money order or by credit card and a valid photo identification** must also be presented prior to examination. You have the option to come in person to any of the eight Environmental Health offices listed below or go online to take the examination at www.rivcoeh.org. The online examination can be accessed only from the link provided on the Department website.

- **Riverside**
  4065 County Circle Dr. Ste. 104
  Riverside, CA 92503
  (951) 358-5172
- **Riverside**
  3880 Lemon St. Ste. 200
  Riverside, CA 92501
  (951) 955-8982
- **Corona**
  2275 S. Main St. Ste. 204
  Corona, CA 92882
  (951) 273-9140
- **Hemet**
  800 S. Sanderson Ave. Ste. 200
  Hemet, CA 92545
  (951) 766-2824
- **Palm Springs**
  554 S Paseo Dorotea
  Palm Springs, CA 92264
  (760) 320-1048
- **Murrieta**
  38740 Sky Canyon Dr.
  Murrieta, CA 92563
  (951) 461-0284
- **Indio**
  47-950 Arabia St. Ste. A
  Indio, CA 92201
  (760) 863-8287
- **Blythe**
  260 N. Broadway
  Blythe, CA 92225
  (760) 921-5090

Once you have passed the exam, a Food Handler Certificate will be issued to you, or you can print one if taking the online test. The certificate is valid for two years and it must be displayed at your place of employment. Photocopies will not be accepted at your worksite.

A person who fails the exam may retake it within one week. The exam may be taken a maximum of two additional times within seven days of the initial testing date at no additional charge. If a certificate is lost or a second certificate is needed for an additional job site, a duplicate may be issued in one of our Environmental Health offices for a reduced fee or online at no additional charge. Be sure to have valid identification.

The Food Handler Study Guide and exam are available online or in one of our Environmental Health offices. The materials are available in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Our online exam is also available in American Sign Language. If the applicant has difficulty reading or understanding the exam, they may make arrangements to bring someone with them to assist with translation. For more information concerning exam fees, times, dates, or for arranging group testing for groups of 20 or more employees, please contact the Environmental Health office nearest you.

*Document available in an alternate format upon request