



FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All partners must meet minimum food safety certification requirements. Your agency must have at least one staff or volunteer member trained in safe food handling. **Certifications must be current** and must be submitted with membership applications and on file.

Food Pantry

The following training released by Feeding America and the National Restaurant Association, Food Handler for Food Banking, is intended for food pantries. The class is two hours in length with a test at the end. A minimum score of 75% is needed to pass. A certificate of completion is issued and will be sent to you and on placed on file. The Certificate of Completion does not expire but we recommend a refresher class every three years.

Options to complete this training:

1. In person at our warehouses in Harrisburg or in Williamsport – check our website for the schedule
2. Online via webinar: – check our website for the schedule

There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the book. We will pay for one individual from your organization to complete the training for free. If you would like more than one person to be certified, your agency will need to pay \$15 for each additional individual. We'll invoice you if this is applicable.

Onsite Meal Programs

If your program is preparing and offering meals to consumers, you are required to take a food preparation food safety course. The food pantry curriculum is not appropriate for meal programs. Options for agencies that are preparing food for consumption onsite (soup kitchens, residential programs, day cares, etc.) include:

ServSafe® Course - This course is intended for soup kitchens, residential programs, day care programs, etc. Successful completion of this course provides certification for 5 years.

- Offered at a cost of \$85.00 per registration by the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank in Harrisburg and Williamsport. Information is located at the Agency Resources & Ordering page on our website, centralpafoodbank.org
- Offered by Carol H. Gilbert Consulting. You may contact them at (717) 229-6619 or chgilbert.com
- Offered by Penn State Extension - Contact the Penn State Extension office in your county for more information.

ServSafe® Food Handler Program - Abbreviated Food Safety Course: This course is intended for food prep assistants, snack programs, etc. Successful completion of this course provides certification for 3 years.

- Offered at a cost of \$15.00 online through ServSafe® -servsafe.com/foodhandler

Penn State Cooperative Extension's Cooking for Crowds – Contact the Penn State Extension office in your county for more information.

PA Department of Agriculture Food Safety Division's Food Safety for Non-Profits – Offers group training opportunities. Contact the Bureau of Food Safety at 1-866-366-3723 for more information.

For more information on food safety training options, please contact the Agency Services Department at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank at (717) 564-1700 or at (570)321-5023.

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