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Health Department Schedules Food Safety Certification Course

Certification Required for Workers Preparing Foods

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department has scheduled an additional food protection certification course for food industry workers in May. The two-day course will be offered May 12 and 19 at the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department.

The course teaches the importance of food safety along with techniques designed to prevent food contamination and outbreaks of food poisoning. The Health Department requires facilities that prepare foods to have at least one certified worker on site during operating hours.

The fee is \$60 for anyone who lives in Allegheny County or works in a food facility within the County, and \$75 for all others. A three-year nationally recognized certification is awarded to those who complete the course and pass the exam. Discounted culinary student fees of \$40 for County residents and \$55 for non-residents are available.

For more information, please call the Allegheny County Health Department at **412-687-ACHD (2243)** or visit the web site at www.achd.net.

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