

## **ALLEGHENY**

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## Health Department Announces Summer Schedule of Food Safety Certification Courses Certification Required for Workers Preparing Foods

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Health Department today announced its summer schedule of food protection certification courses for food industry workers.

The two-day course will be offered July 8 and 15 at Penn Hills High School; August 1 and 8 at Shaler Intermediate School; and September 15 and 22 at Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park.

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 in the County and \$75 for others. A three-year nationally recognized certification is awarded to those who complete the course and pass the exam.

A one-day refresher class for workers whose certification has expired will be offered on July 29 at Highlands High School in Harrison and on September 30 at Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club in North Versailles. The fee for the recertification course, including the exam, is \$55 for people living in the County or working in a food facility here and \$70 for others.

A certification challenge exam, with no instruction, will be given starting at 2 p.m. on June 18, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20, and September 10 and 24 at the Health Department's Food Safety Division in Lawrenceville. The one-hour exam, which is for those who already have had food safety training, is \$40 for those who live in the County or work in a food facility here and \$55 for others.

Discounted culinary student fees of \$40 for County residents and \$55 for non-residents are available for the certification course and refresher class.

For more information, please call the Allegheny County Health Department at **412-687-ACHD (2243)** or visit its web site at <a href="https://www.achd.net">www.achd.net</a>.

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