



County of San Diego

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FOOD HANDLER TRAINING PROGRAM

All food workers in San Diego County must be trained in food safety. There are separate requirements for foodhandlers and food safety certification. A food handler is a person employed by a permitted food business who is involved in the preparation, storage, service, or handling of food products or utensils, according to section 61.201 of the County Code, including those that scoop ice, wash dishes, or handle utensils.

FOOD HANDLER CARDS/ TESTS

All food handlers are required by San Diego County Code to possess either a valid *food handler card* issued by a county-authorized food handler training school or a County of San Diego *food handler test* administered by the current food safety manager who has passed a state-approved food safety certification exam. The Foodhandler courses are taught by foodhandler training schools that are authorized by the County. The County monitors the training schools for course content and consistency. Please contact the food handler schools directly for course locations and information. If there are any questions or problems with the training schools, please contact our Foodhandler Training Coordinator. Food handler cards are valid for three years and can be renewed by taking an exam and paying a renewal fee at one of the Department of Environmental Health office locations, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please bring picture identification and the expired foodhandler card.

SAN DIEGO

5500 Overland Ave #110
San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 505-6900

SAN MARCOS

151 Carmel St.
San Marcos, CA 92078
(760) 471-0730

FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

In addition to the County's food handler training requirement there is also a state requirement for a certified food safety manager. State law requires each food facility to have at least one owner/employee that has passed a state-approved food safety certification exam. Each certification is applicable to only one facility. These certificates are valid for 5 years and must be renewed. There are three approved exams that meet the state-required food safety certification requirement: ServSafe, Exuperior, and National Registry of Food Safety Professionals. Please contact them directly for course locations and information.

SERVSAFE

National Restaurant
Association Educational
Foundation
Calif. Restaurant Association
(800) 765-4842
www.nraef.org

Exuperior Assessments

Thomson Prometric
(800) 624-2736
www.prometric.com/foodsafety

National Registry of Food Safety Professionals

(800) 446-0257
www.nrfsp.com/

COUNTY-AUTHORIZED FOODHANDLER TRAINING SCHOOLS
(PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY)

A+ FOOD SAFETY TRAINING/ DEP SERVICES
(English and Spanish)
(619) 758-5487
(760) 298-4156

AAA FOOD HANDLER SCHOOL
(619) 433-5138
www.aaafoodhandlerschool.com

**A SCHOOL FOR THE PEOPLE /
LA ESCUELA DE LA GENTE**
(English and Spanish)
(888) 851-3663

BEST FOODHANDLER SCHOOL
(English and Spanish)
(619) 972-3675

CERTIFY ME SAFE
(858) 560-5143

CHINESE SERVICES CENTER
(Chinese)
(858) 565-8008

FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES
(English and Spanish)
(619) 294-2192

FOOD AND BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION
(619) 228-2291
3110 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 315

FOOD SAFETY ESSENTIALS
English (619) 303-3650
Spanish (619) 316-5752
7839 University Ave. Suite 101, La Mesa

FOOTHILLS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER
(619) 588-3500

FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SERVICES
(English and Spanish)
(619) 282-5500
3505 Camino Del Rio S. Suite 100, San Diego

FULL SPECTRUM NUTRITION SERVICES
(English and Spanish)
(858) 550-9086 Classes in Chula Vista

**FULL SPECTRUM NUTRITION SERVICES
GROSSMONT COLLEGE**
(English and Spanish)
(619) 660-4350

GROSSMONT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
(858) 531-5025

MAAC PROJECT/HEAD START
(760) 471-4210
800 W. Los Vallecitos. Suite J, San Marcos

MAKING AN IMPRESSION
(562) 461-9981
www.makingfoodsafes.com

NUTRITION DIRECTION
(North County area)
(858) 484-4175

PUBLIC SAFETY CHANNEL
(619) 920-6102

SAFE AT THE PLATE
(888) 804-7233

SAN DIEGO HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES
(English and Spanish)
(619) 470-3345

SAN DIEGO TRAINING INSTITUTE
(760) 917-1943

**LISTA OFICIAL DE ESCUELAS AUTORIZADAS PARA
LA ENSEÑANZA DE SERVICIOS DE ALIMENTOS**

La tarjeta de manejadores de alimentos es válida por 3 años y puede ser renovada en 5500 Overland Ave., #110, San Diego de 8:00 AM a 4:00 PM de Lunes a Viernes. Información (858) 505-6900.

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Horario de clases por todo el condado