



## Food Handlers Press Release

### FOOD HANDLERS CLASS May 17

The "Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)" was revised and updated and was effective October 11, 2015. A major change in the revision now requires all food employees to complete an accredited food handlers training program within 60 days of employment, effective September 16, 2016.

A food handlers course accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock County Office. The two-hour class *Food Safety: It's In Your Hands* is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:30 or 1:30 to 3:30 at the Extension office at 916 Main St., Suite 401, Lubbock, TX 79401.

This 2-hour course will now be required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. This requirement also includes day care teachers and others who handle serving food to children and adults. The certificate is good for 2 years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas. The course is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment. Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse. Check with your food inspector to determine who needs this certification in your facility.

To register for the course, call the Lubbock County Extension office at 806-775-1740. The cost is \$20.00 per person and must be paid in full by Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Checks should be made out to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Account # 230202.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation in order to participate in the event are encouraged to contact our office within 5 working days prior to the program. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.

The class is taught in English but Spanish handouts are available if requested in advance.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in Extension sponsored meetings are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office at 775-1740 by May 16 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

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