

CALIFORNIA FOOD HANDLER CARD INFORMATION

Effective September 25, 2010, all food handlers working in California food facilities must obtain a food handler card.

State of California Food Handler Card Requirements:

- Food handlers who are involved in the preparation, storage, or service of food in a food facility.
- All Food handlers must obtain a food handler card within 30 days from the date of hire.
- Food handler cards will be valid for three years from the date of issuance.
- Each food facility must maintain records documenting that all employed food handlers possess a valid food handler card.

These records must be provided to enforcement officer upon request.

CERTIFIED FOOD SAFETY MANAGER INFORMATION

State of California Food Safety Certification Requirements:

- Each food facility shall have at least one owner or employee who has passed an approved food safety certification exam.
- New food facilities or those who no longer have a certified owner or employee shall have sixty (60) days to obtain the certification.
- The certified person cannot serve as the certified person at more than one food facility at the same time.
- The certificate expires every five years and must be renewed.
- The certified food safety manager is responsible for training and monitoring of the safe food handling practices of other employees.

Kern County Environmental Health **does not** provide these classes, issue the food handler card or food safety certificate.

More information about the food handler card guidelines and a list of classes can be found at:

[California Food Handler Card Law Guidelines and Food Safety Certification](#)