



Clark County Food News

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2024 Clark County food establishment background survey

Food establishment owners or representatives: We want to hear from you! The Clark County Public Health Food Safety team would like to make information easier to understand for applicants, permit holders, and food workers. You can help by sharing information about yourself and your staff. The information you provide will help make our services easier to work through and food safety resources more useful.

Please complete the survey for **each food establishment location** you own.

If you have questions or prefer to take this survey over the phone, please call 564-397-8220 or email ccphfoodsurvey@clark.wa.gov. Interpreter services can be provided over the phone.

The survey will take **about 10 minutes**. Please click on your language below to take the survey:

English

Spanish

Chuukese

Ukrainian



Korean

Vietnamese

Russian

Simplified Chinese

Food vendors at events

Are you coordinating a public event or planning to be a food vendor at an event? All foods served to the public require notification to Clark County Public Health and usually require a food permit.

The [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page on our website has permitting information for food vendors and event coordinators. If you are thinking of being a food vendor at an event, be sure to [apply](#) for temporary event permits at least two weeks in advance to avoid a late fee.

Some foods may be exempt from permit or may be covered with a permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA). For these foods covered by a WSDA permit, we offer a free Certificate of Review that notifies our food inspectors that you have already spoken to our plan review team and have had your WSDA verified. If you have a WSDA permit, apply for a Certificate of Review [here](#).

For questions not answered by our [FAQ's](#), please contact us at 564-397-8428.

Community outreach – plan review presentation

As part of our community outreach efforts to improve equitable communication and increase trust with our business partners, we presented on navigating the food permit process, in both English and Spanish, at the March Fourth Plain Forward seminars. The seminars guided potential applicants through the process of obtaining permits, food plan review requirements, and provided information on necessary permits, fees, and available options. We plan to continue to offer educational events in the future.





Food allergy reminder

Can the Person in Charge (PIC) at your food establishment describe foods that have the nine major allergens and the symptoms of an allergic reaction? Are all foods packaged in house properly labeled with foods containing the nine major allergens as ingredients?

If not or you're unsure, find [printable signs](#) and information on [allergen awareness for food workers](#) from the Washington State Department of Health. Additional information can be found on US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website for [food allergies](#).

Use these resources to stay in compliance for allergen awareness at your food establishment.

FDA alert - Elevated lead levels in ground cinnamon

The FDA has issued an alert for elevated levels of lead found in six brands of cinnamon regularly found at discount grocery stores. The FDA has recommended the distributors and retailers issue a voluntarily recall and has advised consumers to throw away and not to buy the ground cinnamons [listed](#) in the alert.

People can report complaints, cases of exposure, and adverse events to the FDA's MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program by completing an [electronic Voluntary MedWatch form](#) online. For other ways to report, visit the [Industry and Consumer Assistance webpage](#).

Find more information on recalled brands and lot codes [here](#).

Questions?

If you have an operational question or situation you'd like to discuss, click the "contact your food inspector" button!

Contact your food inspector

Technical advisory committee

If you are interested in being more involved with Food Safety, join the Technical Advisory Committee! Contact [Brigette Holland](#) or [Jeremy Martin](#) for more information.

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To report an illness or file a complaint about food handling processes, click [here](#).

Food worker cards can be obtained through foodworkercard.wa.gov.

For more information about the services we provide, please click the button to reach our Food Safety homepage.

Food Safety homepage



For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office
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