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

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

The two-day course will be offered September 15 and 22 at Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park; October 16 and 23 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Brackenridge; November 3 and 10 at Oakmont Country Club in Plum; November 15 and 22 at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium in Highland Park; and December 2 and 9 at Holiday Inn in Monroeville.

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 September 30 at Pitcairn Monroeville Sportsmen's Club in North Versailles and November 25 at Monroeville VFD #4. 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 September 10 and 24, October 8 and 22, November 5 and 19, and December 3 and 17 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 www.achd.net.

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