

FOOD HANDLERS:

Avoid food handling when you have the following symptoms.

- Diarrhea
 - Vomiting
 - Sore throat with fever
 - Persistent coughing, sneezing, or nasal discharge
 - Wound containing pus upon your fingers, hands, wrists
 - Yellowish eyes or skin with dark colored urine
- Report any of these problems with you manager immediately.*

Workers that handle food must wash their hands as frequently as necessary. Disposable gloves may be used but shall not substitute for hand washing.

The use of tobacco in all forms is prohibited within the food preparation or service areas.

Workers shall not eat or drink within the food preparation or service areas.

Hair restraints and clean clothing are required of persons doing food preparation. Food handlers are not permitted to wear jewelry.

Unauthorized personnel such as small children are not permitted in booths.

BARE HAND CONTACT:

Bare hand contact of ready to eat food by workers is not allowed.

Ready-to-eat food includes any food, fruit or vegetable product that is edible without washing, cooking, or additional preparation by workers and is reasonably expected to be consumed in that form.

Avoid touching food with bare hands by using utensils, disposable gloves, deli tissue or other suitable methods.

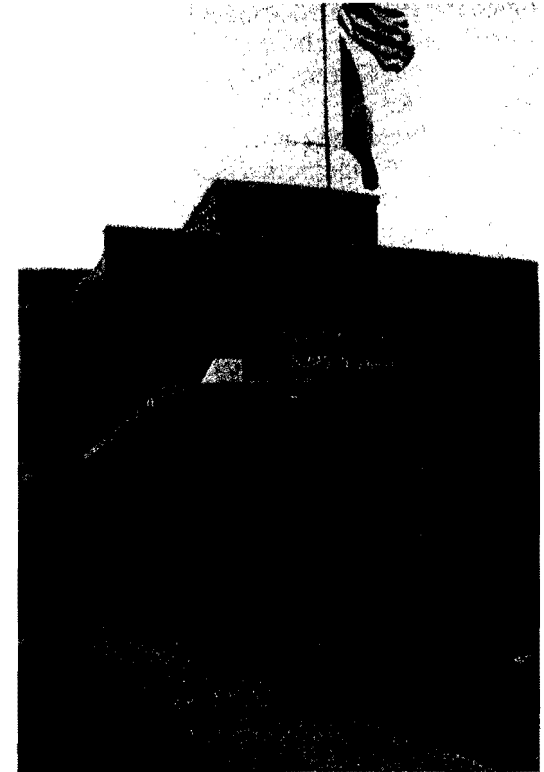
CHECKLIST TO SETUP BOOTH:

- Valid temporary or mobile food unit permit issued by San Patricio Environmental Health Department
- **Hand wash station setup and ready to use:**
 - 5 gal. container with non-self-closing spigot.
 - Liquid soap in pump dispenser.

- Paper towels.
- Wastewater catch bucket.
- Food is from an approved source. Food invoices/receipts must be available at booth for inspector's audit.
- Adequate supply of portable water at booth for full days use.
- Waste water containers and proper disposal site.
- Booths with cleanable floor (grass and dirt covered with approved material) and overhead protection.
- BBQ and deep-frying cooking areas fenced off from public access.
- Adequate containers, covers, wrappings or other means to effectively protect food from insects and environmental contamination
- **Utensil cleaning station setup & ready for use:**
 - 3 containers (sized to immerse all items)
 - Soapy water in 1st container.
 - Clean rinse water in 2nd container.
 - Sanitizing solution in 3rd container.
 - Sanitizer concentrate (bleach) & test strips.
- **Enough equipment provided to hold ALL:**
 - Cold food at 41°F or below.
 - Hot food at 135°F or above.
 - Probe-type, metal stem food thermometer with proper range (0°F to 220°F).
 - Utensils and disposable gloves provided to minimize hand contact with food.
 - Workers are wearing clean clothing and hair is effectively restrained.
 - Condiments provided in single-service, pump-type or squeeze containers
 - Sneeze guards and barriers to protect exposed food and food work surfaces from customers.

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Temporary Food Establishment Guide



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PERMIT INTENT & TERM:

A temporary food establishment permit allows food service operations under reduced requirements for not more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event, promotion or celebration.

PERMIT REQUIRED:

Persons vending food or beverages or offering samples of such products must secure a San Patricio Environmental Health Department temporary permit event permit and post at booth.

A temporary permit is required for food service conducted *outside*.

Permits from other health authorities are not acceptable. *Illegal, unpermitted food vendors will be subject to immediate closure and fines.*

Vendors handling only unopened commercial pre-packaged, shelf stable, non-potentially hazardous food products do not need a temporary permit.

FEE'S:

Fee is \$35 per stand and is only valid for (14) Consecutive Days. *Charitable Organization Fees are waived ONLY when a 501-C(3) tax exemption from the IRS is provided at the time of application*

FOOD MANAGER CERTIFICATE:

Vendors participating in an event more than (2) days must have a certified Food Manager on site.

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATES:

All temporary event food workers shall obtain a food handler's certificate before working at the event. A certified food manager's certificate may substitute for this requirement. Minimum age requirement to obtain a food handlers certificate is 12 years of age.

CONSTRUCTION OF STAND:

All stands must have a suitable tight-fitting, water repellent roof or ceiling to provide for overhead protection of food preparation, cooking and serving areas. All stands must have approved flooring, which includes concrete, asphalt or tight-fitting plywood or other similar approved material. If full walls and screening are not provided, other suitable methods

in protecting food from contamination, such as containers, covers or wrappings must be used. Adequate covered receptacles for disposal of solid waste must be provided.

WATER SUPPLY & WASTE WATER DISPOSAL:

Portable water shall be from an approved source and must be kept onsite in sufficient quantities for each day's use.

All waste water generated from the temporary food establishment (*from beverage dispensers, sinks, steam tables, ice melt, etc.*) shall be disposed into the sanitary sewer system or approved onsite sewage system.

UTENSIL WASHING FACILITIES:

Those stands that do not have 3-compartment sinks with hot and cold running water must provide the following:



Three (3) sturdy plastic or stainless steel containers sized to immerse all items will be provided for utensil cleaning and sanitizing using the following three step process.

Step 1. One container shall be used to wash (soapy water);

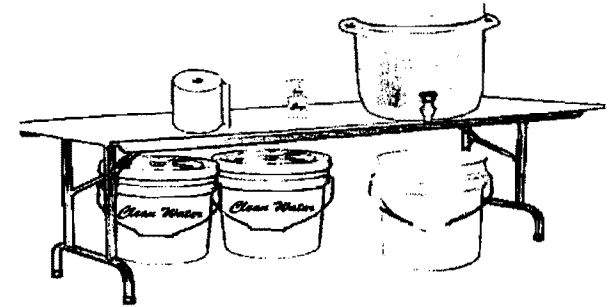
Step 2. One container shall be used to rinse (clean, clear water);

Step 3. One container shall be used to sanitize (liquid chlorine bleach/water solution). Use chlorine test strip to verify proper sanitizer solution strength of 50 to 100 ppm.

HAND WASHING FACILITIES:

Soap, paper towels and a container (5 gallon minimum) With a spigot that remains open freeing both hands to be scrubbed together shall be provided for hand washing.

Containers with self-closing spouts are not acceptable. A bucket to catch waste water shall be provided



FOOD PREPARATION:

All food must be from an approved source and/or licensed facility or prepared in the temporary booth.

An approved source is an establishment that is under inspection and/or licensed by a health authority.

NO food prepared in a private home may be sold or served to the public.

Only single-service, disposable items are to be provided for customer use.

ALL food, food containers, utensils, napkins, beverage cups, straws and other single service items must be stored at least six inches above the floor and protected from insects and contamination.

All condiments, including onions, relish, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, etc., available for customer self-service must be available in single self-service packets or properly dispensed from sanitary dispensers.

All potentially hazardous food products must be stored at 41°F or lower or at 135°F or above. A metal stem thermometer (0°F to 220°F) must be available at the stands that sell potentially hazardous food.