



## **Food Handlers/ Food and Beverage Cards:**

On October 1, 2005, the Mobile County Board of Health adopted revisions to the Card Requirements for Food Handlers. The document is now called **Card Requirements for Food and Beverage Handlers and Food Establishment Managers in Mobile County, #66-1**. The revisions require that all persons (owners and managers included) who are 19 years of age or older and serving alcoholic beverages on premises, must have valid Food and Beverage Handler Card issued by the Food and Lodging Department, Mobile County Health Department. All food service personnel employed in or owning or managing an establishment serving alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises must obtain Food and Beverage Handler Cards.

The fee for the **Food and Beverage Handler Card is \$20** (twenty-dollars) and the card is valid for one year from the date of issue. Valid identification must be presented at the time of application for the card. Only state issued driver's licenses, military I.D. cards, passports or state issued non-driver's picture I.D. cards will be considered valid. The Beverage Handler Cards will only be valid when signed by the person identified. The card must be signed and kept on the person to whom it is issued, at all times. The person in charge must keep a copy of each employee's card on the premises.

Anyone possessing a valid Food Handler Card who wishes to upgrade to the Beverage Handler Card before their Food Handler Card expires may do so by attending the Beverage Handler portion only of the class and paying a \$7 (seven-dollar) fee. The Food and Beverage Card will expire on the original date of expiration for the Food Handler Card.

The Food and Beverage Handler Card does not take the place of the Responsible Vendor program offered by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

For questions or further information please call (251) 690-8116.

## **Food Handler Class**

Any food establishment employee that serves or prepares unpackaged foods or whose job duties require being in food preparation, service, storage or ware washing areas is required to obtain a food handler card annually from the Mobile County Health Department.

The food handler classes are offered at **8:45am, 10am, 1:30pm, and 3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays** in Building 6 located at 251 N. Bayou Street in downtown Mobile. The class is \$15.00.

## **Food & Beverage Class**

Classes are held on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** in Building 6 located 251 N. Bayou Street.

**Registration begins at 7:30am when doors open. The class begins promptly at 8:00am** and ends at 9:45am. Participants must be at least 19 years old and present valid identification at the time of application. The fee for a food and beverage handler card is \$20, cash only. A card is valid for one year from the date of issue. The card holder must have it on his or her person while at work, and an establishment owner must have a copy of an employee's card on the premises at all times.

*Please note: Cash, credit and debit cards are the only acceptable forms of payment. If attending a class, all class participants must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the class time to complete all paperwork. No one is admitted after the film starts. Parents are encouraged to make arrangements for childcare. Children and visitors will not be allowed in the classrooms.*

## **Online Food Handler Class – <https://mchd.statefoodsafety.com/>**

If you are unable to attend the scheduled food handler classes, visit MCHD.STATEFOODSAFETY.com for the Alabama Food Handler online class. Upon completing the online food handler class, print the certificate, bring it and a valid ID to the Inspection Services Department Monday thru Friday from 7:30am to 4pm to obtain the official food handler card for \$15. There is an additional \$10 fee associated with the online class, which is paid online before taking the course. The online class is accessible 24-hours day. Beverage classes are not offered online.