Food and Beverage Handler Training

The Mobile County Health Department requires all employees working in food establishments and day care centers without a current, approved Food Safety Manager certification to obtain a MCHD issued Food Handler card, those serving alcoholic beverages must obtain a Food & Beverage Handler card. Cards should be obtained before being placed on a shift and starting work. All food handler certifications are valid for one year and must be renewed annually.

Classes for Food Handler cards are no longer offered in person at the Health Department.

Mobile County specific Food Handler cards may only be obtained online at **mchd.statefoodsafety.com**. Cards issued by State Food Safety for other counties or by other food handler training providers are not valid in Mobile County and will not be recognized. After completing State Food Safety's online Food Handler course for Mobile County, you will be able to download a certificate and printable version of your MCHD Food Handler card. A copy of this certificate or card must be provided to your employer to maintain at your place of employment.

To obtain a Food & Beverage Handler card upgrade for the service of alcoholic beverages, one must first take the online Food Handler class or have a current approved Food Safety Manager certification.

Beverage Handler classes are conducted **in person only** at Inspection Service, located in Building 6 at the main MCHD facility located at 251 N Bayou Street in Mobile on Wednesdays at 8:30AM and 2:00PM. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early and present a printed copy of your current MCHD Food Handler card or Food Safety Manager certification and a valid ID at time of registration.

Employers providing TIPS or other ABC approved training may have other options for employees to obtain a Beverage Handler card upgrade. Employers should contact our office for more details.

The cost of the online Food Handler card is $23.00. The fee to upgrade to a Food & Beverage Handler card is $7.00.

Special outreach food handler classes may be offered periodically through the year.

For more information, please contact Inspection Service at 251-690-8116.