Temporary Event Food Safety Guide (TEFS Guide)

Temporary food service operation licensing requirements:

- A temporary food operation license may only be obtained for a City of Cleveland approved event where foods are being prepared or served for a charge or required donation.

- When there are 4 or more Temporary Food licenses at an event, the Event's Coordinator must collect and submit the applications and payment for the permits.

- A temporary event is an event that operates over a period of 5 days or fewer. If an event spans a period longer than 5 days, a separate license must be obtained for each 5-day period.

- Only 10 temporary licenses are permitted to be taken out by one person or group per year.

- To obtain a temporary food operation/retail food establishment license, the application packet must be completed and submitted with the appropriate licensing fee listed below to Division of Assessments and Licensinges at City Hall, 601 Lakeside Ave. **AT LEAST TEN DAYS** prior to the date of special event.

  2023 Temporary Food Service Operation/Retail Food Establishment Fees are:
  - $100 per event for commercial use.
  - $50 per event for non-commercial (IRS tax exemption letter is required).
  - The fees are subject to change each licensing year.

- The TEFS outlines information that is necessary for obtaining license. Listed below is some of the information needed to complete license application form:
  a. All foods to be served and where they will be purchased from.
  b. Equipment used to keep foods hot and cold.
  c. Setups for handwashing and dishwashing.
  d. Water source and how waste water will be disposed.
  e. How food will be protected from contamination.
  f. A diagram of the layout of the temporary food booth.

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Application for a License to Conduct a Temporary: (check only one)

Instruction:
1. Complete the applicable section. (Make any corrections if necessary.)
2. Sign and date the application.
3. Make a check or money order payable to:
4. Return check and signed application to: Division of Assessments & Licenses
   601 Lakeside Ave, Rm 122
   Cleveland, OH. 44114

Before the license application can be processed the application must be completed and the indicated fee submitted. Failure to complete this application and remit the proper fee will result in not issuing a license. This action is governed by Chapter 3717 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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| Name of license holder:         |
| Phone number:                  |
| Address of License holder       |
| City                            |
| State                           |
| Zip                             |
| Email                           |
| List all foods being served/sold |

I hereby certify that I am the license holder, or the authorized representative, of the temporary food service operation or temporary retail food establishment indicated above:

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Application approved for license as required by Chapter 3717 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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As Per AGR 1271 (Rev. 11/00) CHC Software, Inc.
As Per HEA 5331 (Rev. 11/00) CHC Software, Inc.
Temporary Food License Application and Required Information

Name of applicant or business:  
Name of event:  Date(s) of event:  
Event Coordinator’s Name:  Cell Phone #:  
Starting time (when food will be served):  
Person in charge:  
Phone number:  Cell Phone #:  
Email address:  

A. FOOD

1. Menu: What food and beverages will be prepared, served or sold? List all food and beverages.

2. Food Preparation: Is the food prepared on site and/or off site?

3. Food source: Where and/or from whom will the food be purchased? All food and food products must be purchased from approved sources such as licensed grocery stores and Retail Food Establishments. **All food must be prepared on site at the special event location.** If food will be prepared in a restaurant or grocery store and then delivered to the temporary special event, the facility **must be licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a wholesaler. A copy of the wholesale license must be sent in with this application.**

4. Hot holding facilities: How will hot foods will be cooked and held at 135°F or above? *(No crock-pots allowed for cooking of food.)*
5. **Cold holding facilities**: How will cold foods be held at 41°F or below? (*Mechanical refrigeration and freezers must be used for overnight storage.*)

6. **Equipment and utensils**: What utensils will be used for cooking, dry storage area, prep area, cutting boards?

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**B. SANITATION**

1. **Hand washing**: Describe how and where food handlers will wash their hands. (*Hand sanitizer does not replace handwashing.*)

2. **Sanitizing equipment and utensils**: Describe how equipment and utensils will be washed, rinsed and sanitized. Test strips for the sanitizer used must be provided.

3. **Water source**: Describe where water is coming from.

4. **Waste-water**: Describe how waste water will be discarded. (*Not on ground or storm drain.*)

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**C. FOOD PROTECTION**

1. **Food protection**: List how food will be protected from customers, such as barriers, sneeze guards, covers, etc.

2. **Employee hygiene, hair restraints**: What kind of gloves will be used? Latex gloves are prohibited. List how food employees will restrain hair. Hats, hairnets, beard covers.

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Food employees must have clean clothes, hands washed after changing tasks, hair restraints and/or beard guards. No person with a communicable disease, nausea, vomiting, fever with sore throat, diarrhea, jaundice, infected cuts or sores is to sell, prepare or may be in contact with food or food handling. Smoking is not permitted in the food preparation area. Unauthorized people and animals are not permitted in the booth area.
Diagram of Temporary Food Layout Example

Provide a detailed drawing of your floor plan. Show all equipment, utensils, support facilities, and serving areas. All food must be stored, prepared and cooked under cover.
2023 LICENSE FEE

- $100 for 1 to 5 consecutive days
- $50 for 1 to 5 consecutive days (non-profit organization with IRS tax exemption letter)

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This is the end of the application.
Turn this information in to the Division of Assessments and Licenses.
**APPROVED FOOD SOURCES:**
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**FOOD PREPARATION:**
All foods must be prepared at the licensed temporary location under cover. Foods may not be prepared at a residential property/home.

**TCS FOOD, COOKING AND HOT AND COLD HOLDING EQUIPMENT:**
TCS food (Temperature/Time Controlled for Safety) food must be kept at 41°F or below or 135°F or above to minimize pathogen growth. When cold holding food, it must be kept at 41°F or below. Cooking food must be done on equipment that is clean to sight and touch. Whole pork, whole beef, and seafood must be cooked to 145°F, hamburgers and ground beef cooked to 155°F, and poultry to 165°F. After food is cooked, it must be kept at 135°F or above, or served immediately. The temporary food booth may use a steam table, sternos or a warming cabinet to keep food at 135°F. Heat precooked food to 165°F within 2 hours. Do not heat food in crock pots, steam tables, or over sternos.
Keep this section, bring it to the event

**FOOD PROTECTED:**
Food must be stored 6 inches off the ground. While food is being cooked, prepared and on display it must be protected. A sneeze guard or protective shielding may be required.

**DISHWASHING:**
Proper dishwashing utilizing a three-compartment sink set up is required. This can be accomplished using a three-compartment sink or the use of three buckets. The first compartment/bucket is used to wash dishes with soap and water, second compartment is used to rinse the dishes with just water, and the third compartment will sanitize them. After sanitizing the dishes, they must be allowed to air dry to allow the sanitizing process to be completed. Example of a three-bucket or dishpan setup is below.

**SANITIZER:**
An approved sanitizer is required in the third sink of the 3-compartment sink setup and the corresponding test kit must be available and used to test the concentration of sanitizer solution. QUAT or chlorine (bleach) are approved sanitizers that can be used. **Only use 1 sanitizer.** Scented bleaches are not approved to be used as a sanitizer.

Please read the manufacturer’s label for the correct level of sanitizer needed to properly sanitize food contact surfaces. Examples of chlorine (bleach) and QUAT sanitizer test kits below.

**THERMOMETER:**
A probe type thermometer that goes from 0°F to 220°F or a digital thermometer is required. There must be a method to clean and sanitize the probe tip prior to inserting it into food. All refrigeration and hot holding equipment must also have a thermometer.
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**HANDWASHING:**
Handwashing facilities must be provided to ensure all persons working at the temporary location have the ability to wash hands frequently. Hands must be washed for 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer is not an alternative to hand washing. Example of an acceptable temporary hand washing station is below.

**HAIR/BEARD RESTRAINTS:**
All food employees/operators must wear a hat or hair net, if they have facial hair they must wear a beard guard while preparing, cooking and handling food.

**FOOD HANDLING:**
Food employees/operators must not touch ready-to-eat food with bare hands. If a food employee handles ready to eat food with bare hands, the food must be discarded. Use disposable gloves, tongs, waxed papers, napkins or other tools during food handling/preparation. **The use of latex gloves is prohibited.**

**INSECT CONTROL AND TRASH:**
Food must be properly covered at all times in order to prevent potential cross-contamination from insects and other contaminants. Place food waste/garbage inside trash container with a tight fitting lid in order to prevent the attraction of flies and other insects.
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Temporary Event Checklist:

- Assigned Person in Charge
- Hand washing station and supplies
- Cold holding equipment
- Hot holding equipment
- Gloves – No latex
- Extra Utensils
- Sanitizer and test kit
- 3 Compartment sink set up
- Probe type thermometer
- Bucket for wiping cloths
- Mechanical refrigeration for overnight storage
- Garbage can
- Broom and dust pan
- Hats/hairnet/beard guard
- Employee health forms
- Vomit/diarrhea policy and kit
- Food shields: sneeze guards, food grade plastic covers, mesh or plastic domes, and other food grade coverings/containers.

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The 2016 Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code requires that all food service operations and retail food establishments have written procedures for employees to follow when responding to vomiting and diarrheal events. Information from this document can help develop written procedures for a facility.

**Note:** *Effective cleaning of vomitus and fecal matter in a food service operation or retail food establishment should be handled differently from routine cleaning procedures.*

It is recommended that written procedures for cleaning up vomiting and diarrheal accidents include the following steps:

1. Segregate the area. It is recommended that all surfaces within a twenty-five foot radius of the vomit or diarrhea accident be segregated and properly cleaned and disinfected.

2. Wear disposable gloves during cleaning. To help prevent the spread of disease, it is recommended that a disposable mask and/or cover gown (apron) be worn when cleaning liquid matter.

3. Wipe up the matter with towels and dispose into a plastic garbage bag.

4. Use a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered disinfectant effective against Norovirus (Norwalk-like virus) following label directions or mix a chlorine bleach solution that is stronger than the chlorine solution used for general cleaning [CDC recommends 1000-5000 ppm or 2.5-12.5 fluid ounces of household bleach (5.25%) per gallon of water].

5. Apply the disinfectant or bleach solution and allow it to remain wet in the affected area for at least 10 minutes. Allow to air dry. Dispose of any remaining disinfection solution once the accident has been cleaned up.

6. Discard gloves, mask, and cover gown (or apron) in a plastic bag.

7. Take measures to dispose of and/or clean and disinfect the tools and equipment used to clean up vomit and fecal matter.

8. Properly wash hands.

9. Discard any food that may have been exposed.

10. Food contact surfaces that have been disinfected must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized prior to use to remove disinfectant residue and prevent contamination of food.


12. Minimize the risk of disease transmission through the prompt removal of ill employees, customers and others from areas of food preparation, service, and storage.

**Additional Resources:**

CDC Preventing Norovirus Infection: http://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/preventing-infection.html.


Ohio Department of Agriculture Division of Food Safety: http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/FoodSafety/foodsafety.aspx
Employee Health Policy Agreement

Reporting: Symptoms and Exposure of Illness
I agree to report to the manager when I have the following symptoms:

**OAC 3717-1**
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Jaundice
- Sore Throat with Fever
- Lesion/Infected Wound (depends on covering)

**COVID-19**
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficult breathing

And two of the following
- Fever
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Chills
- Headaches

or have been exposed to any of the illnesses listed below through:
- An outbreak of reportable illnesses
- A household member having a reportable illness
- A household member attending or working in a setting with an outbreak of any of the illnesses

Reporting: Diagnosed Illnesses
I agree to report to the manager if diagnosed with:

- Campylobacter
- Giardia
- Salmonella Typhi
- Salmonella spp.
- Shigella spp.
- Enterohemorrhagic or Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli
- Cryptosporidium
- Hepatitis A virus
- Norovirus
- Vibrio cholera
- Entamoeba histolytica
- Salmonella spp.
- Yersinia

Note: The manager at a minimum must restrict employees with the symptoms. If an employee has been diagnosed by a doctor with one of the above illnesses then the manager must actively restrict /exclude employees AND report to the Cleveland Department of Public Health.

Returning to Work
If you are excluded from work for exhibiting symptoms and/or illnesses listed above, you will not be able to return to work until the symptoms have ended and/or the Cleveland Department of Public Health approval is granted.

Agreement
I understand that I must report when I have or have been exposed to any of the symptoms or illness listed above; and comply with work restrictions (allowed to come to work, but duties may be limited) and/or exclusions (not allowed to come to work) that are given to me. I understand that if I do not comply with this agreement, it may put the public at risk and can result in termination.

Employee Name (Print) ____________________________________________

Signature of Employee___________________________________________ Date __________________