



Food Safety Newsletter - April 2020

Licensing 2020-2021

When completing your food service application for the 2020-2021 licensing year, please sign in the grey boxes at the top right of the application before returning it. Please complete **all** boxes with the correct information, contact number(s), and the **email address(es)** that should be used for billing and food safety communications. **Make business checks/money orders/cashier checks payable to: City of Detroit.**

COVID19 outbreak and restaurants

We know that the current outbreak is a challenging time for all food service establishments. Please see the enclosed information for more information or go to <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/> . We strongly encourage you to make use of our credit card renewal system. If you cannot do so, please mail in your renewal rather than to come into the office for license renewal. Please contact your inspector or call (313) 876-0135 if you have problems with renewal. Please ensure that the best email address to use to contact you is on your application.

Credit Card Payments

We now accept credit card payments at the Detroit Health Department office and through a new online portal (renewals only). If you are interested in paying via credit card or online, go to swordsolutionsonline.com or call the Detroit Health Department customer service team at (313) 876-0135. The full amount of the invoice must be paid. Licenses will be returned by mail. You may contact your Inspector at the Detroit Health Department with questions.

Marijuana and CBD as a Food Additive or Ingredient.

Food establishments are NOT permitted to produce or offer any food containing Cannabidiol (CBD) or Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which are derived from marijuana or hemp. Under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, it is unlawful to produce food containing unapproved additives, which includes, added CBD or THC, or to market CBD or THC products as, or in, dietary supplements, regardless of where the substances derived. Medical marijuana edibles may ONLY be produced and sold or provided by facilities licensed by the Bureau of Marijuana Regulation (BMR) housed in the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

Questions regarding the production and offering of these products should be directed to the BMR at www.michigan.gov/lara. Any updates to the rules on food-related issues will be posted to the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDARD) website: www.michigan.gov/MDARD

Food Safety Enforcement

A reminder to all food service facilities: In order to encourage good food safety practices and ensure compliance with the Food and Drug Administration Model Food Code of 2009, and the Michigan Law (act 92 of 2000, as amended), **the Food Safety Division of the Detroit Health Department will administer progressive code enforcement whenever it is determined that food code violations are continuous (cited and not corrected by the compliance date, usually 10-30 days) or recurring (documented in 3 consecutive inspections).** You may contact your inspector at the Detroit Health Department with questions.

Temporary Event/Outdoor Cooking/Catering

Cooking or serving food outside of your facility (including your facility's patio, parking lot, another location, etc.) may require a Temporary Food License. To ensure that you are following required city and state laws, please contact your food safety inspector at the Detroit Health Department **and also** contact business licensing in the Coleman A. Young Building **313-224-3179**.

Foodborne Illness Guidelines and Reporting Requirements

It is important for your facility to have a written Foodborne Illness Policy. The Detroit Health Department suggests using the FDA guidance information recommended by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD):

http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-50772_50775_70152---,00.html (Refer to bullets 8-10). Forms 1-A through 1-C are designed to assist those responsible for managing employees in order to prevent foodborne disease. The Food Code specifies that the permit holder is responsible for requiring conditional employees or food employees to report certain symptoms, diagnoses, and past illnesses, as they relate to diseases transmitted through food by infected workers. The Foodborne Illness Guidelines poster should be posted in your facility as a reminder to the operators and staff of the reporting requirements.

Reminder: If you or any of your employees receive a diagnosis of one the Big Six (Salmonella Typhi, Shiga toxin-producing E. Coli, Shigella, Nontyphoidal Salmonella, Hepatitis A, and Norovirus), **YOU MUST immediately contact the Detroit Health Department at 313-876-0135.**

FAQ'S and Reminders

1) **HELP MAKE SURE EVERY DETROITER IS COUNTED IN THE 2020 CENSUS! Your Response Matters. Take the 2020 Census Today!** Go to <http://www.detroitmi.gov/census> for more information.

2) Complete hair covering is required for all kitchen/dish room/prep staff in a restaurant. Hair (includes hair on the head, face, and arms) should be covered by a beard net, hat, hair net, and/or bandana/scarf. Ref: 2009 MI Modified Food Code 2-402.11

3) Animals are not allowed in food service facilities (Ref: 2009 MI Modified Food Code 6-501.115). For questions about rules relating to service animals, visit the MDARD website at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdard/Animals_in_Food_Establishments_Flyer_649447_7.pdf or google search MDARD service animals.

4) Smoking is not allowed in food service establishments (Ref: 2009 MI Modified Food Code 2-401.11 and Public Act 188 or 2009. https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/8.19.13_FAQs_Smoke_Free_Law_-_FINAL_3_431873_7.pdf

Food Industry Related Resources

The Detroit Health Department and the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDARD) has a variety of Resources for Restaurant Operators. Please see the following links for additional information:

- 1) The direct link to the Food Safety page is: <http://detroitmi.gov/foodsafety>
- 2) MDARD http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-50772_45851---,00.html
- 3) Additional Resource <http://www.michiganfoodsafety.com>

Important Phone Numbers, Questions, Complaints

Detroit Health Department main phone number: 313-876-4000. www.detroitmi.gov/health

Immunization and Vaccinations may be received at the Samaritan Place Clinic located at 5555 Conner. Call 313-410-8142 or visit <http://detroitmi.gov/Government/Departments-and-Agencies/Detroit-Health-Department/Immunizations> with questions.

If you have questions or complaints about:

- Restaurants, food trucks, or plan review, please contact **Food Safety** at 313-876-0135.
- Daycare facilities, hotels, pools, tattoo parlors, drycleaners, Laundromats, or medical marijuana facilities, please contact **Environmental Safety** at 313-876-4715.
- Bakeries, grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores, or meat, dairy, or vegetable manufacturing facilities, please contact the **Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development** (MDARD) at 800-292-3939.
- Construction, zoning, obtaining a business license, dangerous buildings, licenses and permits (not food safety specific), pre-sale, and property maintenance, please contact the **Building Safety, Engineering, and Environmental Department** (BSEED) at 313-224-2733.