

HEALTH REGULATION # 4

FOOD SANITATION



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# **TOOELE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS FOR FOOD SANITATION**

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this regulation is to provide uniform regulations for food service sanitation. These regulations are deemed necessary for the promotion of public health, environmental health and the prevention of outbreaks and spread of communicable or infectious diseases.

## **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

As used in this regulation:

- 2.1 Commissary: means a Department approved food service establishment where a mobile food business, temporary food service establishment or caterer may return regularly to perform functions necessary for sanitary operations.
- 2.2 Department means: The Tooele County Health Department.
- 2.3 Director means: The director of the Tooele County Health Department or an authorized representative.
- 2.4 Employee means: the permit holder, supervisory or management personnel, or any other person working in a retail food store or food establishment.
- 2.5 Food Service Establishment means: any place where food and/or drinks are prepared and intended for individual portion service, and includes the site at which individual portions are provided. The term includes any such place regardless of whether consumption is on or off the premises and regardless of whether there is a charge for the food. The term also includes delicatessen-type operations in retail food stores. The term does not include private homes where food is prepared or served for individual family consumption, food vending machines, supply vehicles, private parties and religious activities when the public is not invited to attend.
- 2.6 Mobile Food Business means: a food truck or food cart as defined in R392-102 Mobile Food Business Sanitation.
- 2.7 Nuisance means: unlawfully doing any act which either annoys, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of any person, or that renders a person insecure in life or the use of property.
- 2.8 Owner means: any person who alone, jointly, or severally with others:
  - a. has legal title to any premises, dwelling or dwelling unit, business, or food establishment, with or without accompanying actual possession thereof; or

- b. has charge, care, or control of any premises, dwelling, dwelling unit, business, or food establishment, as legal or equitable owner, lessee, or is an executor, executrix, administrator, administratrix, trustee, or guardian of the estate of the owner.
- 2.9 Public Event means: any event that is one-time or periodic, free or ticketed, cultural, charitable or cause-related, and conducted for the purpose of attracting revenue, support, awareness, and/or for entertainment purposes, and created by and/or for the general public. This type of event may be advertised through various media outlets or by other means inviting the general public to attend and not restricting any particular part of the community.
- 2.10 Private Event means: any event that is invitation only and participants need eligibility to attend, such as a professional license/certification for the profession or must live in a specific geographic area. This type of event consists of an exclusive group, which could include family, friends, neighbors or religious groups meeting over a shared meal.
- 2.11 Temporary Food Service Establishment means: a food service establishment that operates for a period of time of not more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a public event.

### **3.0 ISSUANCE OF PERMITS**

- 3.1 Any person desiring to operate a food service establishment, temporary food service establishment or mobile food business shall make written application for a permit on forms provided by the Department.
- 3.2 Prior to permit issuance the Department shall inspect the proposed food service establishment or mobile food business to determine compliance with the requirements of these rules and regulations.
- 3.3 The Department shall issue a permit if the inspection reveals that the food service establishment or mobile food business comes into compliance with these rules and regulations. Maintenance of the permit is contingent on compliance with these rules and regulations.
- 3.4 New establishments or existing food service establishments/mobile food businesses undergoing remodeling, shall be required to submit plans to the Department for review and approval. Persons wanting to open a food service establishment in an existing building shall be required to bring the facility into compliance with current state and local food sanitation codes prior to issuance of a permit.
- 3.5 In order to serve food at a public event, operators must obtain a Temporary Event

Food Establishment Permit or other Department approved permit in advance of opening for business. A permit obtained for one location for an event will not be valid for another time/location unless otherwise specified. Permit applications received less than three days prior to the event will be charged late fees.

- 3.6 Temporary Event Food Establishment Permits will not be issued on-site at events; however, when a digital confirmation is emailed to the operator, after proper applications and fees are submitted, they may be allowed to operate.
- 3.7 Temporary Event Food Establishment Permits are NOT required for: (a) mobile food businesses already permitted by the Department. (b) Non-potentially hazardous beverage-only temporary service. This does not include: Beverages with potentially hazardous ingredients such as dairy products, melons, tomatoes, cooked vegetables, or juice from cooked vegetables. (c) Vendors of non-potentially hazardous, commercially packaged and prepared foods requiring no temperature control, preparation or handling. (d) Food Service Establishments who are already permitted and inspected as a permanent food establishment operating at their own licensed premises.
- 3.8 All food and beverage service workers must pass an approved Food Handler Examination. Each food employee shall be registered with a local health department and hold a valid Utah Food Handler Permit. All employee Food Handler Permits must be available to the health authority for review on demand. The Department may prescribe such other requirements as it deems necessary.
- 3.9 Employees or volunteers who work in a temporary food service establishment shall be exempted from obtaining a Food Handler Permit, provided that at least one person at the temporary establishment has a valid Food Handler Permit and is present during all hours of operation.

Volunteers who work in a food service establishment are also exempted from obtaining a Food Handler Permit, provided that at least one person who is responsible for said establishment has a valid Food Handler Permit and directly supervises all volunteers.

- 3.10 A fee, as established by the Department, shall be submitted by each applicant for a food handler permit. Any person needing to obtain a copy of a valid food handler permit shall pay the applicable fee set by the Department.
- 3.11 All food handler permits shall expire after a period of time as determined by the Department, and must be renewed prior to expiration date. Food handler permits may only be renewed upon completion of requirements specified for issuance of a new permit, or any requirements as specified by the Department.
- 3.12 Each food service establishment listed as a category 2 or higher must have at least

one certified food safety manager (see R392-101).

3.13 All food service establishments shall comply with the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act.

#### **4.0 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

- 4.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a food service establishment/mobile food business/temporary food service establishment within Tooele County who does not possess a valid permit issued by the Department or other local health departments for mobile food businesses. Permits are not transferable. A valid permit shall be posted in every food service establishment except for temporary food service establishments where a copy of the permit must be made available upon request.
- 4.2 Each food service establishment/mobile food business/temporary food service establishment shall submit a fee, as set by the Tooele County Board of Health, with application for each permitting period. If the permit fee and application have not been received by the renewal date a late fee will be assessed. If the fee and application have not been received within one month of the renewal date, the establishment will be closed. Annual permits are valid for one year, renewable each year thereafter from their permit date.
- 4.3 Each temporary food service establishment shall submit a fee, as set by the Tooele County Board of Health, with application for each event. Operating at an event without a permit will result in additional fees or penalties as set by the Department.
- 4.4 All food service establishments/mobile food businesses/temporary food service establishments are placed into categories according to the number and type of potentially hazardous foods they serve and the risk for food-borne illness. For annually permitted establishments, the fee amount and the number of routine inspections are determined by the category in which an establishment is placed.

#### **5.0 FOOD SANITATION RULES**

- 5.1 The requirements as found in the R392-100 Utah Food Service Sanitation; R392-101 Food Safety Manager Certification; R392-102 Mobile Food Business Sanitation; R392-103 Food Handler Training and Certification; R392-104 Feeding Disadvantaged Groups; R392-105 Agritourism Food Establishment Sanitation and Certification Rule and R392-110 Food Service Sanitation in Residential Care Facilities are adopted and incorporated by reference by the Department.
- 5.2 For a temporary event all foods and drinks offered to the public must be prepared in a permitted food service establishment or at the food booth on the day of the event. Under no circumstances can food or drinks be prepared in a non-permitted

private residence and then offered to the public.

- 5.3 A Food Service Establishment Permit is valid only at the location and dates stated on the permit and shall be renewed upon change of ownership or annually after the date of issuance.
- 5.4 A temporary event operator shall not prepare food at a temporary event using “specialized processing methods” as described in the FDA Food Code. These types of foods must be prepared at an approved commissary and written approval for these processes must be issued by the Department.
- 5.5 Each mobile food business and food service establishment shall have a toilet facility accessible for food employees during all hours of operation.
- 5.6 Time as a public health control, as defined in R392-100 Utah Food Service Sanitation reference to the Food Code, must not be used at any temporary food service establishment. An exception to this would be if single service samples are served to the consumer within 60 minutes of leaving temperature control. In this scenario approved written procedures must be maintained to show when the samples must be discarded.
- 5.7 The Department establishes Temporary Event Guidelines; each temporary event operator shall be in compliance with the guidelines provided by the Department.
- 5.8 Each newly constructed or remodeled food service establishment, after the approved date of this rule, shall install foot operated no touch door openers on the inside of exit doors from toilet facilities that are designed for use of more than one person at a time.
- 5.9 A shaved ice establishment, as defined in R392-102 Mobile Food Business Sanitation, may be permitted as an annual food service establishment.

## **6.0 HEPATITIS A EMERGENCY PROVISIONS/AUTHORITY**

- 6.1
  - a. Hepatitis A outbreak is defined as the increased occurrence of hepatitis A in a community, institution, region; or two or more hepatitis A cases in persons with a common exposure; or as otherwise defined in Utah Admin. Code R386-702.
  - b. Contact is defined as an individual having had association with an infected individual or contaminated environment so as to have had an opportunity to acquire an infection. Utah Code Ann. 26-6-2(5). For the purposes of hepatitis A, a contact is a person who was potentially exposed to fecal material of an infectious case either through direct person-to-person contact, or through infected food or water, or through infected surfaces.

- 6.2 During an outbreak of hepatitis A in Tooele County, the Board may order that any food employees and conditional employees in Tooele County who are a contact of a confirmed case of hepatitis A demonstrate proof of vaccination with a dose of the hepatitis A vaccine. The Board may also order that all food employees and conditional employees of a food establishment that has experienced a confirmed case of hepatitis A demonstrate proof of vaccination with a dose of the hepatitis A vaccine. The Board's order declaring a hepatitis A outbreak shall last for one year from the date of its issuance, or upon the Board's subsequent order that the outbreak has ended and that any orders of vaccination may be lifted.
- 6.3 Any food employees and conditional employees ordered to demonstrate proof of vaccination shall have 14 days from the date of the Board's order to obtain the required first hepatitis A vaccination dose, or to provide proof to the person-in-charge of an earlier hepatitis A vaccination. After 14 days from the date of the Board's order of vaccination during an outbreak, non-vaccinated food employees and conditional employees shall be excluded from any work assignments that cause them to handle any food, food-contact surfaces, or ready-to-eat food.
- 6.4 Upon the Board's order of vaccination during a hepatitis A outbreak the Department shall identify and notify any affected food establishments within Tooele County of the Board's order, and the requirement that all food employees and conditional employees be vaccinated within 14 days. During any period in the Board's order of vaccination is in effect, affected food establishments shall maintain an official record of the vaccination status of all food employees and conditional employees.
- 6.5 While the Board's order of vaccination during an outbreak is in effect the Department may request to review the official record of the vaccination status of all food employees and conditional employees for any affected food establishment during any inspection, investigation, or review of the food establishment. Any food employees or conditional employees found to be working who have not been vaccinated shall be immediately removed from any work assignments involving handling food, food-contact surfaces, or ready-to-eat food. Each occurrence of non-vaccinated employee handling food, food-contact surfaces, or ready-to-eat food shall be recorded as a critical violation on the food establishment's inspection history. Repeated failure to comply with the order may result in suspension or revocation of the affected food establishment's permit under this regulation.
- 6.6 While the Board's order of vaccination during an outbreak is in effect, the Board authorizes the Department to reduce the cost of the first hepatitis A vaccination dose by up to 50 percent for anyone who can document they are a food employee or



conditional employee in Tooele County and seeks vaccination at the Health Department.

- 6.7 Upon the expiration of the Board's order of vaccination during an outbreak, or upon the Board's subsequent order that the outbreak has ended and that the order of vaccination may be lifted, the Department shall notify all affected food establishments within Tooele County that the order of vaccination and its requirements are no longer in effect.

## **7.0 SUSPENSION OF PERMITS**

- 7.1 The Department may, without warning, notice, or hearing, suspend any permit to operate a food service establishment if the holder of the permit does not comply with the requirements of these rules and regulations, or if the operation of the establishment does not comply with the requirements of these rules and regulations, or if the operation of the food service establishment otherwise constitutes a substantial hazard to public health. Suspension is effective upon service of the notice requirement in Section 7.2 of these rules and regulations. When a permit is suspended, food service operations shall immediately cease. Whenever a permit is suspended, the holder of the permit shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing within 10 days of receipt of a request for a hearing.
- 7.2 Whenever a permit is suspended, the holder of the permit or the person in charge shall be notified in writing that the permit is, upon service of the notice, immediately suspended and that an opportunity for a hearing will be provided if a written request for a hearing is filed with the health authority by the holder of the permit within 10 days. If no written request for hearing is filed within 10 days, the suspension is sustained.
- 7.3 Any person whose permit has been suspended may, at any time, make application for a reinspection for the purpose of reinstatement of the permit. Within 10 days following receipt of a written request, including a statement signed by the applicant that in their opinion conditions causing suspension of the permit have been corrected, the Department shall make a reinspection. If the applicant is complying with the requirements of these rules and regulations, the permit shall be reinstated.

## **8.0 REVOCATION OF PERMIT**

- 8.1 The Department may, after providing opportunity for hearing, revoke a permit for serious or repeated violations of any of the requirements of these rules and regulations, or for interference with the Department in the performance of duty.
- 8.2 Prior to revocation, the Department shall notify, in writing, the holder of the permit,

or the person in charge, of the specific reason(s) for which the permit is to be revoked and that the permit will be revoked at the end of 10 days following service of such notice unless a written request for hearing is filed with the Department within the 10-day period.

## **9.0 ENFORCEMENT**

- 9.1 The Tooele County Health Department, Environmental Health Division, is charged with the enforcement of the provisions of these rules and regulations.
- 9.2 The Department may, if it determines a serious health hazard exists, order closed all or part of a food service establishment's operation(s) immediately.

## **10.0 RIGHT TO APPEAL**

- 10.1 Within 10 calendar days after the Department has given a notice of violation(s), any person(s) aggrieved by the notice may request in writing a hearing before the Director. The hearing shall take place within 10 calendar days after the request. A written notice of the Director's determination shall be given within 10 calendar days after adjournment of the hearing. The Director may sustain, modify, or reverse the action or order.
- 10.2 Any person aggrieved by the decision of the director may file an appeal with the district court within 30 days of the date of the director's decision.

## **11.0 PENALTIES**

- 11.1 Any person who is found guilty of violating any of the provisions of these rules and regulations, either by failing to do those acts required herein or by doing a prohibited act, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor pursuant to Section 26A-1-123, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended. If a person is found guilty of a subsequent similar violation within two years, he is guilty of a class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 26A-1-123, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended.
- 11.2 Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate violation.
- 11.3 The county attorney may initiate legal action to abate any condition that exists in violation of these rules and regulations, or may file any other civil or criminal action concerning a violation of this regulation.
- 11.4 In addition to other penalties imposed by a court of competent jurisdiction, any person(s) found guilty of violating any of these rules and regulations shall be liable

for all expenses incurred by the Department in removing or abating any nuisance, source of filth, cause of sickness or infection, health hazard, or sanitation violation.


**12.0 SEVERABILITY**

12.1 If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of these rules and regulations or the application thereof to any person regardless of circumstances shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of these rules and regulations. The valid part of any clause, sentence, or paragraph of these regulations shall be given independence from the invalid provisions or application and to this end the provisions of these regulations are hereby declared to be severable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Tooele County Board of Health has passed, approved and adopted this regulation this 27 day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:

TOOELE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

  
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