

Environmental Department: (All information below is based on the food code and NM Environment Health Department)

Food handler certification:

- **Who needs:** Anyone that is a food employee will need certification. Food employee defined as- “an individual working with unpackaged food, food equipment, food utensils, or food contact surfaces”
 - Any organization/entity dealing with the 3 high susceptible populations: preschool aged children, elderly and people with weakened immune systems must be certified
 - Culinary classes that are used to cater events/celebrations for persons other than themselves must be certified.
 - Classes that have staff that handle/serve food to students, personnel must be certified.
- Need to be certified 30 days after employment, if do not have certification at time of employment
- Certification good for 3yrs from time received

Snack bars/events: The “person in charge” if food handler certified is the only one needing certification but must be present the whole length of event/celebration.

Temporary Permits: applications are to be sent to: permit.applications@state.nm.us or can be faxed to (575)526-6162

- **Needed when:** Must be turned in prior to event with enough time to allow Environment department (EID) to review for approval. Please give yourself time as EID has **10 days to review application.**
Environmental department request that temporary permit application be filled out and sent in anytime food items will be sold-once reviewed decision will be made if temporary permit or priority 2 approval is needed.
 - Serving or selling any food packaged or unpackaged that needs Time and Temperature control to keep it safe.
 - If food items will be sold at an event/celebration/fundraiser for 3 days or more in a calendar month there will be a \$25 fee for the temporary permit.
 - For one time events there is no charge, but application must be submitted.