

APPENDIX C – FOODHANDLER EXAMS

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CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

- 19. T F Raw foods can be stored next to ready-to-eat foods.
- 20. T F Consumers must be notified orally or in writing of foods served raw or undercooked unless specifically ordered or is common knowledge.
- 21. T F Ice used for consumption can be scooped up with hands or drinking glasses.
- 22. T F Raw fruits and vegetables must be washed before they are served.
- 23. T F Soap or detergent will kill all disease-causing germs on dishes.
- 24. T F It is okay to use chipped or cracked dishes as long as they are clean.
- 25. T F Only some refrigerators need to have an accurate thermometer.
- 26. T F Hot foods are allowed to cool to room temperature for any period of time before they are put in the refrigerator.
- 27. T F Handwashing signs must be posted at all handwashing sinks and food preparation areas.
- 28. T F Food waste and garbage should be put in strong plastic bags and disposed of at least once a day.
- 29. T F Foodhandlers must cover or restrain their hair while working.
- 30. T F Freezing food kills the germs in the food.

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FOOD HANDLER INFORMATION	
NAME _____	BIRTHDATE _____
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____	
NUMBER CORRECT _____	DATE _____
(A passing score is 21 correct answers)	
I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have trained the food handler to whom this card has been issued and who has honestly passed this proficiency test relating to the fundamental principles of sanitary food service practices with at least a 70% grade.	
CERTIFIED FOOD SERVICE MANAGER _____ <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Signature)</div>	
Expiration Date: _____ (Valid for three years)	

(This exam is not valid without the information requested above)

PLEASE INDICATE THE BEST ANSWER

1. Which one of the following is the best way to stop the spread of hepatitis?
 - a. cook meat and poultry thoroughly
 - b. clean dishes thoroughly
 - c. thaw meats properly
 - d. wash hands after using the toilet
2. Germs are most commonly spread to food by:
 - a. insects and rodents
 - b. dirty clothing
 - c. dirty hands
 - d. dirty dishes
3. Proper hand washing includes the use of:
 - a. warm water, bar soap, paper towels
 - b. warm water, dispensed soap, paper towels
 - c. cold water, soap, cloth towels
 - d. hot water, soap, apron dried
4. Cutting boards should be washed and sanitized after they have been used for meat and poultry because they may:
 - a. contaminate other foods
 - b. have a bad smell
 - c. become slippery to work on
 - d. affect the flavor of other foods

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Check all of the times you, as a foodhandler, must wash your hands.

- _____ after using the toilet
- _____ after washing dishes by hand
- _____ after blowing your nose
- _____ after touching an infected sore
- _____ after busing dirty dishes
- _____ after combing your hair
- _____ after smoking

How often should a foodhandler wash their hands? Before starting work and:

- a. whenever their hands look dirty
- b. once every hour
- c. after finishing work
- d. after every possible contamination

As a foodhandler, you need to notify the Person in Charge (PIC) if you:

- a. are sick with diarrhea and/or abdominal cramps, fever, or vomiting
- b. have an open lesion or wound on hands, wrist, or arm
- c. all of the above

What is the best way to store grains, rice, and flour?

- a. keep up off the floor
- b. place them in covered, labeled food type containers
- c. store away from cleaning supplies
- d. all of the above

Cross contamination occurs when foods:

- a. are exposed to the air and left at room temperature too long
- b. come in contact with counters and cutting boards that have harmful germs on them
- c. are defrosted and refrozen
- d. are defrosted under warm running water

1. The best ways to thaw frozen foods are in the refrigerator and:

- a. under cold running water
- b. at room temperature overnight
- c. in a sink of hot water
- d. in a sunny window

1. When "holding" food in a steam table, how hot must the food be kept? At least:

- a. 100°F
- b. 135°F
- c. 150°F
- d. 160°F

12. Which of the following types of foods are most likely to cause foodborne illness?

- a. bread and cereal products
- b. foods containing lots of sugar
- c. foods such as meat, milk, and eggs
- d. citrus fruit and fruit juices

13. Which food must be stored at or below 41°F?

- a. chicken salad
- b. strawberry jam
- c. whole tomatoes
- d. peanut butter sandwiches

14. When reheating leftovers or when cooking poultry, the center of the food must be at least:

- a. 165°F
- b. 100°F
- c. 50°F
- d. 212°F

15. When washing dishes in a three-compartment sink, what should the third sink be used for?

- a. sanitizing dishes
- b. washing hands
- c. rinsing dishes
- d. storing equipment

16. Number the following items in their correct order for proper dishwashing?

_____ rinse _____ air dry _____ wash
_____ scrape _____ sanitize

17. Approved food sources include:

- a. foods permitted or licensed with a food regulatory agency
- b. raw and processed meat and poultry with a USDA stamp of approval
- c. cheese from a licensed distributor with proper labels
- d. all the above

18. What is the best way to control cockroaches?

- a. clean equipment and store food properly
- b. inspect incoming boxes and other containers
- c. fill in cracks where cockroaches hide
- d. all of the above