

FOOD PROTECTION & PUBLIC SAFETY 2024 NEWS





PLAN AHEAD FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Does April 8th, 2024 sound familiar? If not, this day you may want to put on your radar sooner rather than later.

On this day, Delaware County will experience a solar eclipse. A solar eclipse can be a once in a lifetime event. At such an exciting event people will come in from the masses. The last solar eclipse was 2017 close by in Tennessee, and the next one for Ohio will not be until 2099!

NASA will be hosting a huge event in Ohio in April. Learning from past eclipse there was a lot of people, events, and traffic. The county and community partners have already started preparation.

If you or someone you know intends to operate a food stand that will be off-premises, a temporary food license will be required.

Don't wait until the last minute to apply! Information on temporary food licenses can be found on our **website**.

We urge you to check out the <u>Delaware County Solar Eclipse</u> planning page with information on what to expect.



FEES

The Delaware Public Health District has performed the required cost methodology based on 2022 data to establish our fees for the 2024 licensing year.

The Board of Health voted to adopt the fees effective January 1, 2024. These fees are determined based on time spent in the program conducting inspections and activities to run the food program. By law we cannot charge more than what is determined to run the program.

Our current fee schedule can be found on our <u>website</u> in the side menu under "other".

Please be mindful of the deadline for you to submit your signed renewal application AND fee.

Applications and fees MUST be received in person or postmarked by March 1, 2024. If you do not submit by then, you will automatically be charged a 25% late fee. The late fee is 25% of the local fee. This requirement is outlined in law and DPHD cannot waive late fees.



HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MOBILE OPERATORS

Mobile operators are subject to additional requirements from local Fire Authorities or Zoning Authorities depending on where they are located and operate.

DPHD is committed to providing you with useful information so you can be compliant with all local regulations. We have compiled some helpful contacts for you.

For fire suppression checks or security of propane tanks, these local fire departments offer inspections.

 Orange Township Fire Department 740-548-6346

BST&G Fire Department
740-965-3841 | ATTN: Rocki Huddleston or Jason Whipple

► Powell/Liberty Township Fire Department 740-938-2027 | ATTN: Shad Gilbert

▶ Delaware City Fire Department 740-203-1330 | ATTN: Fire Risk Reduction Division If operating within the City Limits of Delaware, mobile operators are required to obtain a temporary use permit through the City Authorities. Please contact 740-203-1600 or planning@delawareohio.net



INSPECTIONS CAN BE STRESSFUL

We understand that inspections can be stressful. Labor shortages, increased costs, decreased profit margins and seeing a new inspector can all contribute to anxious feelings. DPHD inspection staff do what we can to be as friendly and helpful as possible. At the end of the day, we all have the same goal; providing safe and wholesome food to your customers. It is of no benefit to either party to get angry.

If you have violations that are discussed during the inspection that you do not understand, please ask your inspector to explain why something is incorrect. You will receive your inspection report digitally within 24 hours. If there is something written that you would like clarification on, email your inspector.

It is the responsibility of the Person in Charge to be familiar with the Rules that operations are to adhere to. If you do not know what those rules are, you can go to the **Ohio Department of Health website** to look up the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code.

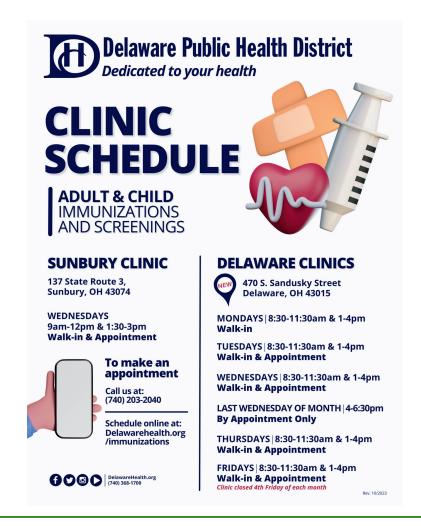


Allowing time for employees to express human milk while at work is important for infant and mothers' health. The Ohio Department of Health created a tip sheet for restaurants to find creative solutions to accommodate lactating employees.

You can see this tip sheet at this link: https://tinyurl.com/yj6eksze.

The Delaware Public Health District can help you improve your lactation accommodations for employees in your workplace. Reach out to us to discuss how to meet federal law requirements and receive assistance with making a functional space for employees who need to express human milk while at work.

For technical assistance from our lactation team, please email lactationcare@delawarehealth.org or call 740-203-2061.





2024 SERVSAFE® CERTIFICATION CLASSES

ServSafe® Certification (Level 2 Managers)

Beginning March 1, 2017, each risk level III and risk level IV food service operation and retail food establishment is required to have at least one employee with supervisory preparation and service that has obtained the Ohio Manager Certification in food protection. Once ServSafe® is completed and passed, Ohio Department of Health issues a separate certificate.

Click here for a listing of our class dates along with our registration form

For information on Food Safety classes offered by DPHD, visit **DelawareHealth.org/Food-Safety**.