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- Food Service & Sanitation
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Food Service Establishments
in Matagorda County:

The Matagorda County Environmental Health Department is hereby notifying all food Service Establishments within Matagorda County of the new Texas Department of State Health Services Rules regarding Certification of Food Service Managers and Food Service Handlers.

FOOD SERVICE PROTECTION MANAGERS: At least one employee that has supervisory and management responsibilities and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service shall be a **CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER** who has shown proficiency of required information through passing a test that is part of an accredited program. The Original Food Protection Manager Certificate shall be posted in a location in the food establishment that is conspicuous to consumers.

FOOD HANDLER EMPLOYEES: All food handler employees, **EXCEPT** for the Certified Food Manager, shall successfully complete an **ACCREDITED** Food Handler Training Course, within 60 Days of Employment. The food establishment shall maintain on premises a Certificate of Completion of the Food Handler Training Course for Each Employee. The requirement to complete a Food Handler Training Course shall be effective September 1, 2016.

The Matagorda County Environmental Health Department Food Service Inspectors are responsible for enforcing all Texas Department of State Health Services Food Service Rules and Regulations.

Listed below are websites of agencies offering the Food Service Protection Manager and Food Service Handler Certification Courses.

www.tabctraining.org

www.learn2serve.com/texas-safety-certification

<https://foodmanageronline.com/>

www.pastorfreddynaranjo.com

(361)765-3158

www.aplusfii.com

Please make appropriate arrangements to ensure your employees become certified as a Food Service Protection Manager or Food Service Handler.

Sincerely,

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Matagorda County Environmental Health Director