

ESTABLISHMENT CLASSIFICATIONS

CATEGORY I-1

Includes facilities that routinely:

- 1) All large (greater than 15,000 square feet) multi-departmental retail grocery stores

Example of Category I-1 facilities would include large (greater than 15,000 square feet) multi-department retail grocery stores which may include delicatessen, bakery, meat/seafood, produce and food service. State certified food handler must be on the premises at all times that potentially hazardous food is being handled.

CATEGORY I-2

- 1) Potentially hazardous foods are cooled, as part of the food handling operation at the facility;
- 2) Potentially hazardous foods are prepared hot or cold and held hot or cold for more than 12 hours before serving;
- 3) Potentially hazardous foods cooked and cooled, must be reheated;
- 4) Potentially hazardous foods which are prepared for off-premises serving with time-temperature requirements during transportation; holding and service are relevant;
- 5) Complex preparation of foods, or extensive handling of raw ingredients with hand contact for ready-to-eat foods, occurs as part of the food handling operations at the facility;
- 6) Vacuum packaging and/or other forms of reduced oxygen packaging are performed at the retail level; or
- 7) Immunocompromised individuals such as the elderly, pre-school aged children and pregnant women are served, where these individuals compose the majority of the consuming population.

Examples of Category I-2 facilities would include full-menu restaurants, caterers, hospitals, small (less than 15,000 square feet) grocery stores, daycares/pre-schools providing a full service meal. State certified food handler must be on the premises at all times that potentially hazardous food is being handled.

CATEGORY II

- 1) Hot or cold foods are held at required temperatures for no more than 12 hours and are restricted to same day service;
- 2) Foods are prepared from raw ingredients using only minimal assembly;
- 3) Foods that require complex preparation (whether canned, frozen or fresh prepared) are obtained from approved food processing plants, high risk food service establishments or retail food stores.

Examples of Category II facilities would include fast food restaurants and daycares/preschools that provide potentially hazardous pre-packaged or catered food that must be kept hot or cold. State certified food handler shall be employed at each facility.

CATEGORY III

- 1) Only pre-packaged foods are available or served in the facility, and any potentially hazardous foods available are commercially pre-packaged in an approved processing plant;
- 2) Only limited preparation on non-potentially hazardous foods and beverages, such as snack foods and carbonated beverages, occurs in facility;
- 3) Only beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are served at the facility.

Examples of Category III facilities would include retail outlets selling only pre-packaged foods, movie theaters with popcorn and soda, and bars that do not prepare potentially hazardous food and daycares/pre-schools that serve limited potentially hazardous foods such as milk or non-potentially hazardous snack. State certified food handler recommended but not required.