St. Mary's Food Safety Certification Information

WHO needs a Food Safety Training? (FST)

- Every agency partner of St. Mary's Food Bank (SMFB) needs a Food Safety Training
- Only 1 person from your organization is required to have an FST
- Every distribution is required to have at least 1 person with a current FST easily accessible for inspections
- A FST follows the person, not the organization. If that person leaves, a new one must be obtained

HOW do I obtain a Food Safety Training?

There are 3 types of FSTs:

SERVSAFE FOOD BANKING TEST

- This certification lasts a lifetime for the individual
- Print out your own certificate for your own files
- This test is only valid for food banking and you are <u>NOT</u> covered to operate anywhere else besides food distributions.
- Schedule training through St. Mary's. You will be sent a video link and mailed a booklet. Only 1 per agency.
 - Register at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPC3387

AZ FOOD HANDLER'S CARD (FHC)

- FHCs expire after 3 years. Agency must keep FHC current and send new copies to SMFB
- This will cover you as an individual to work or operate around food in Arizona
- Must schedule your training online or in person and obtain physical copy of card
- SMFB will **NOT** pay for a FHC and encourages all agencies to get their ServSafe Certification
- Resources to obtain your FHC:
 - www.azfoodhandlers.com
 - https://foodhandlerscardhelp.com/arizona-food-handlers-card-requirements/

FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER'S CERTIFICATION (FPMC)

- A FPMC is a certification needed to verify your food safety knowledge against food born illnesses
- FPMC expires after 5 years. Agency must keep FPMC current and send new copies to SMFB
- You ONLY need this type of card if you are:
 - A Congregate Meal Site (cooking and serving meals)
 - Repacking Bulk Items:
 - Meat, Flour, Grains, etc.
 - Anything (except uncut produce) taken out of large packages and resealed into another bag
 - NOTE: Repacking Bulk Items requires additional certifications. See "Requirements for Repackaging" page in toolkit
- Must schedule your training online or in person and obtain physical copy of card
- A FPMC roughly costs \$60-\$125. SMFB will **NOT** pay for an agency to obtain one



What resources are there to help obtain my Food Protection Manager Certification?

The 2017 Food and Drug Administration Food Code requires establishments that serve open food, which
needs time/temperature control for food safety, to have at least one Certified Food Protection Manager
(CFPM) onsite during operating hours.

Step 1: Choosing a Provider

- Use any of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited providers to receive your CFPM: https://anabpd.ansi.org/accreditation/credentialing/personnel-certification/food-protection-manager/ALLdirectoryListing?prgID=8&statusID=4
- The cost and time required will vary between providers. Many providers offer packages that include a training course that you can complete prior to the exam.

Step 2: Study Guides

- CFPM exams are detailed and non-refundable. Use these resources to help you prepare:
- Flashcards: https://www.brainscape.com/packs/servsafe-7014452?origin=genome
- Practice Exam 1: https://gotestprep.com/servsafe-practice-test/
- Practice Exam 2: https://www.test-guide.com/free-servsafe-manager-practice-tests.html

Step 3: Taking the Exam – Options for a Proctor

- CFPM exams must be completed under the supervision of a licensed proctor.
- You may purchase a CFPM exam package that includes a virtual proctor.
- When completing an exam with a virtual proctor you must: Not have other people in the test room. Remove or cover any posters/documents in the room. Use a webcam to show the proctor around the room before starting the exam and after any breaks. Keep the webcam open so the proctor can supervise your exam remotely.
 - You may also have a team member become a licensed proctor to oversee your exam.
 - Check your CFPM Provider's website to learn their process for becoming a proctor. It should take about 30 minutes and be free of charge. This may be a good option if you do not have a webcam/streaming option or if you have several people taking the exam.
 - An example of how to become a proctor through State Food Safety:
 https://www.statefoodsafety.com/Resources/Resources/proctoring-food-manager-exams-in-house-saves-you-time-and-money