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The mission of the Lincoln County Health Department is to provide services to residents promoting optimal health and safety through prevention, protection, and intervention

Change in Certified Food Manager (CFM)

As of November 1, 2016, the State of Wisconsin will no longer require or issue state food manager certification.



What this means to you: CFM's are still required for your establishment however– to be in compliance you will need an individual at your establishment that takes the CFM class, pass the exam and post the certificate in public display at your facility. Failure to post certification or not have certification on premise will result in a violation with follow up required.

What if my CFM leaves employment? Within 90 days of operation the operator or manager must be registered to take a course with an approved exam.

What exams are approved? The following courses are approved by the department. 360 training.com (Learn2Serve), National Registry of Food Safety Professionals, National Restaurant Association, and Prometric Inc. **Please note– If you have certification from other than the above listed this will not be recognized as an approved course and you will need to take the course and exam with an approved course.**

Congratulations Licensing Year July 2015– June 2016 Environmental Health Award Winners

This was the third annual recognition of food establishments that serve food to the general public and are licensed to operate as either a moderate or high complexity restaurant. Thus, not all establishments within the county are applicable. The awards went to those who went above and beyond the minimum state standards.

Of the 90 establishments eligible for the awards, two were chosen for this year's awards. These establishments should be congratulated for their efforts:

Facility Name	Category	Complexity	Location	Reason
Culvers	Special Recognition Award	High	Merrill	Exceptional attention to food safety and food handling, no violations and effort to exceed minimum requirements.
Ma's Place	Special Recognition Award	Moderate	Gleason	Excellent food handling practices and knowledgeable staff with no violations during the annual inspection.

Other establishments meeting special criteria and therefore should be recognized for their special efforts include: AmericInn Lodge & Suites, Badger Hotel, Besse's on Clear Lake, Bottoms Up Bar and Grill, Checkered Churn, Dog N' Suds, Ed & Sharron's, Edgewater Country Club, End Zone, Happy Snapper, Harrison Oasis, Holly's, Hugo's Pizza, Inshalla Country Club, Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center, Oak's Pub, Road Lake Pub & Grill, Shorthorn Bar & Grill, Silver Birch Supper Club, Somo Beach Resort, Surewood Forest Bar & Grill, Tom & Bev's Bar, Tomahawk Dairy Queen, and Tomahawk Lodge Bar and Grill.

What's Happening in Lincoln County?

Want to stay up to date on recall information, and other environmental health updates pertaining to Lincoln County? Send your email to mwilliams@co.lincoln.wi.us and we will add you to our list.

Disclaimer: We promise to not flood your inbox .

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Tattoo establishments are now regulated by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). Lincoln County Health Department will still be issuing licenses and conducting inspections. Please contact us if you have any questions.



? Did You Know ?

If you are have a **mobile food truck or operate a stand at a special event** licensing may change for you.

* If you operate a food truck or at a special event only in Lincoln County- please contact the Lincoln County Health Department for licensing as we will issue your license.

* If you operate a food truck or at a special event in multiple counties (i.e. Lincoln, Oneida, Langlade, etc.), the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will issue your license. Contact licensing at 608- 224-4923.

You will not be allowed to operate as a mobile food truck or at a special event without the proper license. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Time to Test Your Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Get into a routine to test your deceives twice a year. It helps to coincide these times with daylight savings, since you are changes your clocks, take advantage of the reminder and test and change batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors .



Reminder to Establishments with Pools

Your Pool testing charts are due each month, you can mail or fax these in. Charts shall be filled in and signed by the person in charge daily. Monitoring must include all parameters that are required to be tested for including Free Chlorine, Combined Chlorine, pH, Alkalinity, Temperature, pressure gauge reading, and flowmeter reading.

With your help, our health inspectors make sure the food that is being served is safe to eat. The Lincoln County Health Sanitarians also respond to public complaints, investigate causes of foodborne illness, assist in food recalls, test drinking water, and promote safe food handling practices.

Top Food Establishment Violations in Lincoln County

- Test Strips:** Test strips are required for monitoring your sanitizer concentration for chemical sanitizer or the temperature of your dish machine for high temperature dish machines.
- Raw over Ready-To-Eat (RTE) Foods:** Protect from cross contamination by separating raw animal foods from Ready to eat foods. Ensure foods with the highest internal cook temperature are stored on the lowest shelf or in there own equipment.
- Date Marking:** All ready-to-eat potentially hazardous foods, if required need to be provided with date marking or an effective method of identifying when a food item has exceeded 7- days.



Licensing Activities July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015	# Licensed	# Annual Inspections
DHS Restaurants	150	150
DATCP Retail Food	54	54
DPI School Inspections	23	23
Lodging	59	59
Pool/Whirlpool	18	18
Body Art and Body Piercing	4	4
Mobile Home Parks	8	8
Campgrounds/ Rec. Ed Camps	17	17

If you have any questions and or concerns please feel free to contact us!



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