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Jan. 15	9am-1pm
Feb. 19	1-5pm
Mar. 18	9am-1pm
April 15	1-5pm
May 20	5-9pm
June 17	9am-1pm
July 15	5-9pm
Aug. 19	1-5pm
Sept. 16	5-9pm
Oct. 21	9am-1pm
Nov. 18	1-5pm
Dec. 16	9am-1pm
Jan. 7	1-4pm
Mar. 3	9am-1pm
May 5	1-4pm
July 7	9am-1pm
Sept. 8	1-4pm
Nov. 3	9am-1pm
Feb. 13	1-5pm
April 9	5-9pm
June 11	1-5pm
Aug. 6	5-9pm
Oct. 8	1-5pm
Dec. 10	5-9pm

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You may access the Idaho State online food safety manual and test by visiting:

www.foodsafety.idaho.gov

If a follow-up inspection reveals that critical or non-critical violations identified in a previous inspection have not been corrected or still exist, an enforcement inspection may be made and further regulatory actions will be taken.

To ensure long term correction of repeated critical violations, the EHS may require the development of a Risk Control Plan by the license holder as verification of correction. A Risk Control Plan requires the license holder to provide long term documentation of how the correction will be accomplished, who will be monitoring the plan, and who will be responsible to make sure the plan is followed.

If you are interested in joining the South Central Idaho Food Safety Awareness Coalition, please contact Melody Bowyer, Food Program Manager, at 737-5909 or mbowyer@phd5.idaho.gov.

For more information on South Central Public Health's food safety and other programs, visit our website at:

www.phd5.idaho.gov



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Violations and Corrections



Inside:

- Schedule for Food Safety classes
- **F**requently **A**sksed **Q**uestions (**FAQs**) and the answers to them



Check your calendars and plan on having the designated "Person-in-Charge" for each shift trained in one of the scheduled classes.

All classes are \$15 per person. Please call your local Public Health office to pre-register. Payment is nonrefundable, and class sizes are limited. (You may bring a snack and drink if you would like.)

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICES

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1020 Washington St. N.
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208-737-5900
Josh Barron or Rich Petty

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117 E. Ash St.
Bellevue, ID 83318
208-788-4335
Sunny Muir

Burley Office

2311 Parke Ave. E., Unit 4, Suite 4
Burley, ID 83318
208-678-8221
Andy Helkey

Additional classes may be arranged with a minimum of 10 people. Pre-payment is required for additional classes.

Q: What is a critical violation? What is a non-critical violation?

A: A critical violation is a potential hazard that is directly associated with foodborne illness risk factors such as:

- Improper cooking temperatures.
- Bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods.

If the violation is not corrected in a timely manner, it could lead to a foodborne illness outbreak.

A non-critical violation is a deficiency in good retail practices such as:

- Improper thawing of frozen foods.
- Lack of cleanliness of toilet facilities.

Both types of violations are required to be corrected by the date specified on the inspection report.

Q: How does the Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) verify the violations were corrected?

A: An EHS can verify the correction was completed by:

- Direct observation at the time of the original inspection.
- During an on-site follow-up inspection verifying violations have been corrected.
- Issuing a Violation Correction Report (VCR) that is completed and returned explaining what was done to correct the violation(s).

NOTE: An on-site follow-up inspection is required when any combination of violations reaches the maximum allowed by the criteria established in the Idaho Food Code:

- A medium-risk establishment is allowed three critical violations and/or six non-critical violations.
- A high-risk establishment is allowed five critical violations and/or eight non-critical violations.

Q: How long does an establishment have to correct violations?

A: Depending on the nature of the potential hazard involved and the complexity of the corrective action needed, the EHS will specify the correction date on the inspection report. Generally, the time frame does not exceed ten calendar days after the initial inspection for critical violations and 90 calendar days for non-critical violations. VCRs are to be returned within five days after the correction date identified on the initial inspection report.

Q: What if the license holder fails to submit the VCR even after being reminded by the EHS?

A: A follow-up inspection will be conducted to verify that the violations have been corrected.