



# County of San Diego

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## FOOD HANDLER TRAINING PROGRAM

All food workers in San Diego County must be trained in food safety. There are separate requirements for foodhandlers and food safety certification. A food handler is a person employed by a permitted food business who is involved in the preparation, storage, service, or handling of food products or utensils, according to section 61.201 of the County Code, including those that scoop ice, wash dishes, or handle utensils.

### FOOD HANDLER CARDS/ TESTS

All food handlers are required by San Diego County Code to possess either a valid *food handler card* issued by a county-authorized food handler training school or a County of San Diego *food handler test* administered by the current food safety manager who has passed a state-approved food safety certification exam. The Foodhandler courses are taught by foodhandler training schools that are authorized by the County. The County monitors the training schools for course content and consistency. Please contact the food handler schools directly for course locations and information. If there are any questions or problems with the training schools, please contact our Foodhandler Training Coordinator. Food handler cards are valid for three years and can be renewed by taking an exam and paying a renewal fee at one of the Department of Environmental Health office locations, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please bring picture identification and the expired foodhandler card.

#### SAN DIEGO

5500 Overland Ave #110  
San Diego, CA 92123  
(858) 505-6900

#### SAN MARCOS

151 Carmel St.  
San Marcos, CA 92078  
(760) 471-0730

### FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

In addition to the County's food handler training requirement there is also a state requirement for a certified food safety manager. State law requires each food facility to have at least one owner/employee that has passed a state-approved food safety certification exam. Each certification is applicable to only one facility. These certificates are valid for 5 years and must be renewed. There are three approved exams that meet the state-required food safety certification requirement: ServSafe, Experior, and National Registry of Food Safety Professionals. Please contact them directly for course locations and information.

#### SERVS SAFE

National Restaurant  
Association Educational  
Foundation  
(800) 765-4842  
[www.nraef.org/](http://www.nraef.org/)

#### Experior Assessments

Thomson Prometric  
(800) 624-2736  
[www.prometric.com/foodsafety](http://www.prometric.com/foodsafety)

#### National Registry of Food Safety Professionals

(800) 446-0257  
[www.nrfsp.com/](http://www.nrfsp.com/)

**COUNTY-AUTHORIZED FOODHANDLER TRAINING SCHOOLS**  
(PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY)

**A-1 FOOD SERVICES**

(English and Spanish)  
(619) 422-6112

**A+ FOOD SAFETY TRAINING/ DEP SERVICES**

(English and Spanish)  
(619) 758-5487  
(760) 298-4156

**A SCHOOL FOR THE PEOPLE /  
LA ESCUELA DE LA GENTE**

(English and Spanish)  
(888) 851-3663

**BEST FOODHANDLER SCHOOL**

(English and Spanish)  
(619) 972-3675

**CHINESE SERVICES CENTER**

(Chinese)  
(858) 565-8008

**FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES**

(English and Spanish)  
(619) 294-2192

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION**

(619) 228-2291  
3110 Camino Del Rio South, #315

**FOOD SAFETY ESSENTIALS**

English (619) 316-5752  
Spanish (619) 490-9422

**FOOTHILLS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER**

(619) 588-3500  
Grossmont Adult School

**FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SERVICES**

(English and Spanish)  
(619) 282-5500  
3505 Camino del Rio S. Suite 100, San Diego

**FULL SPECTRUM NUTRITION SERVICES**

(English and Spanish)  
(858) 550-9086 Classes in Chula Vista

**GROSSMONT COLLEGE**

(English and Spanish)  
(619) 660-4350

**GROSSMONT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

(858) 531-5025

**MAAC PROJECT/HEAD START**

(760) 471-4210  
800 W. Los Vallecitos, Ste. J, San Marcos

**NUTRITION DIRECTION**

(North County area)  
(858) 484-4175

**PUBLIC SAFETY CHANNEL**

(619) 920-6102

**SAFE AT THE PLATE**

(888) 804-7233

**SAN DIEGO HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES**

(English and Spanish)  
(619) 470-3345

**SAN DIEGO TRAINING INSTITUTE**

(760) 917-1943

**LISTA OFICIAL DE ESCUELAS AUTORIZADAS PARA  
LA ENSEÑANZA DE SERVICIOS DE ALIMENTOS**

La tarjeta de manejadores de alimentos se vence cada 3 años y puede ser renovada en 5500 Overland Ave., Edificio 201, Ste. 110, San Diego, de 8:00 AM a 4:00 PM de Lunes a Viernes. Informacion (858) 505-6652

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Horario de clases por todo el condado

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