

Cooperative Extension To Conduct Food Safety Certification Course

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) requires food establishments regulated by PDA or a local health agency to employ at least one employee who has successfully completed a certified food safety training course. Penn State Cooperative Extension is offering a course this fall which fulfills PDA's requirements for food employee certification.

ServSafe®, a 15 hour course, will be taught on Mondays, October 31, November 7 and 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Petro Stopping Centers off R. 81 in Dupont. Participants must attend all three days in order to sit for the exam. The cost of the course is \$169 which includes the textbook, exam and refreshments.

Topics include the microworld, contamination and food-borne illness, flow of food through the operation, clean and sanitary facilities, equipment and food-safety regulations and standards; and employee food-safety training.

For more information or to register, call Lackawanna County Cooperative Extension educator, Karen Thomas, at 570-963-6842 by October 17.

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