

Cooperative Extension to Conduct Food Safety Recertification 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 15 hours of food safety instruction and maintain that certification by attending an additional 7.5 hours every 5 years. Penn State Cooperative Extension is offering a course this fall which fulfills PDA's requirements for food employee recertification.

ServSafe® recertification, a 7.5 hour course, will be taught on October 11 and 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Petro Stopping Centers off Rt. 81 in Dupont. Participants may sit for the ServSafe® exam on October 17 at 9:00 a.m. to maintain their certification with the National Restaurant Association. The cost of the course is \$125 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 September 27.

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