

Food Safety Excellence Award

The Peoria City/ County Health Department is continuing the Food Safety Excellence Award Program in 2020, for those establishments who wish to participate and who demonstrate a commitment to food safety. The award takes into account not only food safety inspections, but also dedication to food safety through the ongoing development of voluntary food safety practices. Recipients receive a certificate of excellence, as well as recognition by their peers and the Peoria County Board of Health.

The Food Safety Excellence Award program runs from January 1st to December 31st each year. Establishments meeting the mandatory criteria may apply for the award and submit supporting documents by **December 1st** of the award year.

New in 2020: Establishments now have the option of applying electronically! Submit applications with supporting documents to **EH@peoriacounty.org**.

Mandatory Criteria:

- The establishment has possessed a valid Food Safety License from the Peoria City/County Health Department for the entire year.
- The establishment's Food Safety License has been held by the same Licensee for the entire year.
- The establishment's Food Safety License was renewed prior to becoming delinquent.
- The establishment's Food Safety License has not been suspended or revoked during the application year.
- The establishment has been inspected in accordance with department frequency of inspection requirements.
- The establishment has been under the operational control of a Certified Food Protection Manager, as required by Code, for the entire year.
- All food handlers have provided proof of completion of food handler training, as required by Code, for the entire year.

Mandatory Inspection Requirements:

- The establishment has had **NO** Priority or Priority Foundation Violations during any inspection during the application year, and,
- Has had no more than **one (1)** repeat violation during the application year.

Supporting Documents (Pick 3): (Must be submitted by December 1st)

- Water Emergency Procedure
- Attend Department hosted and/or approved workshop/training
- Temperature logs
- Develop 2 HACCP plans for menu items (both plans count as one item)
- Power Outage Procedure
- Conduct a Self-Inspection (<http://www.pcchd.org/149/Forms>)
- Handwashing SOP
- Cooling logs
- Proof of an internal training program (not food handlers)
- Employee Health Agreement SOP
- Dress Code SOP (Specific to the Illinois Food Code Sections 2-302, 2-303, 2-304, and 2-402.11)
- Thermometer calibration logs
- Food Defense Plan
- Glove Use SOP
- Allergen Training for establishments that are NOT required by law to have allergen training
- Essay response (min. 500 words) "How has your establishment promoted a culture of food safety excellence this year?"

Only Category I & II food establishments are eligible for this award.

Those who are not eligible to receive this award are: pushcarts, modified mobiles, street and sidewalk vendors, Category III food establishments, or seasonal food establishments that operate less than 6 months out of the year.

