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North Dakota State Fair Food Vendors 2025 Food Licensing and Food Safety Certification

Food Licensing for NDSF must be renewed annually – Due July 3rd, 2025

- Licenses are required 2 weeks prior to the event.
- License payment may be mailed or paid by phone at 701-837-5121.
- The license shall be POSTED IN EACH booth on the opening day of food service operation.
- All local codes must be adhered to including fire, electrical, and plumbing.

Sampling: A food establishment operation in which food is distributed to individuals by offering small portions of a food item that include as a main ingredient a product sold by the vendor. A sampling license is required if food is TCS and/or removed from package and offered to the public on premises.

Temporary Food Establishment: A food establishment operation that operates at a fixed location for a period of not more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or function.

Mobile Food Unit: A food establishment operation that prepares food for sale to the public that is sold in a form where it is ready for and intended for immediate consumption or for consumption within a short period of time, is not permanently established at one location and that does not operate at a single, specific event, and can move under its own power or by being towed by another vehicle to different locations.

Mobile Food Unit Reciprocity: Licenses from other jurisdictions within North Dakota are recognized by this office.

- Copy of license and previous inspection are required to be submitted annually in lieu of payment.
- The operation of the facility must remain consistent with license.

A valid license issued **PRIOR** to operating for business is required by all regulated facilities within First District Health Unit jurisdiction, per NDCC 23-35 and FDHU Board of Health.

Food Safety Training

July 17th, 2025 at 9 am and 1 pm – Upper Atrium State Fair Center

- The in-person/on-site training will be approximately 1.5 hours and includes a presentation and a test. Either class can be attended, no need to pre-register. The tests are corrected onsite, a card will be given to each person with a passing score.
- All Food Employees who work in a food establishment within the First District Health Unit region must take an approved food safety course every 3 years. The certification card must be on premises while individual is working.
- Individuals that choose to watch the FDHU course online may take the test at the on-site training or at the FDHU offices.
- Only preapproved courses will be accepted. See fdhu.org/environmental-health-division/food-safety-certification/ for links to approved courses.

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