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Attention Food Establishment Operators:

The Board of Health amended the Food Regulations (12VAC5-421 et. seq.) on July 12, 2016, to include, among other changes, the requirement of *certain* food establishments to employ a certified food protection manager (CFPM) by **July 1, 2018**. The CFPM must be an employee of the food establishment with supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation.

Prior to July 1, 2018: During inspections, local health department staff will answer questions and provide information to food establishment staff regarding the CFPM requirement and *exemptions*.

Certain food establishments are *exempt* from employing a CFPM. Such establishments serve **ONLY** non-temperature control for safety food (non-TCS) and food handling does not exceed reheating, cold holding, and hot holding of **commercially processed and packaged read-to eat foods**.

After July 1, 2018: Local health department staff will evaluate food establishments for compliance with the CFPM requirement during inspections.

In order to become a CFPM, you must pass an exam that is part of an accredited program. Below is a list of approved providers of the CFPM exam:

- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals
 - Food Protection Manager Certification Program
 - International Certified Food Safety Manager
- Prometric Inc.
 - Food Protection Manager Certification Program
- National Restaurant Association
 - ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification Program
- 360training.com, Inc.
 - Learn2Serve Food Protection Manager Certification Program
- AboveTraining/StateFoodSafety.com
 - Certified Food Protection Manager Exam

Please contact your local health department for more information regarding the CFPM requirement or visit <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/food-safety-in-virginia/food-operators/cfpm/>.

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