



Central Michigan District Health Department
“Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities”

For more information, call your local CMDHD branch office:

Arenac (989) 846-6541/Clare (989) 539-6731/Gladwin (989) 426-9431/
Isabella (989) 773-5921/Osceola (231) 832-5532/Roscommon (989) 366-9166

www.cmdhd.org

**NEW Food Safety Educational Opportunities Offered
Through Central Michigan District Health Department**

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is now able to offer three opportunities for local communities to learn more about food safety. The latest opportunity is the Consumer Food Safety Awareness Campaign, which is being offered as a result of CMDHD being awarded a \$16,800 education grant through the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

CMDHD is now offering free presentations (donations are welcome) to community groups interested in learning more about food safety in general. Presentations are generally 1 to 1 ½ hours in length. This option is designed for K-12 schools, universities, senior centers, churches and community organizations or groups.

Secondly, a Safe Food Worker class is being taught monthly in each of our six counties. The Safe Food Worker class is a service for new food workers, current food workers of restaurants, convenience stores, delis and other food preparation facilities, or those who are planning on becoming employed in these types of facilities. The course will cover the major issues relating to food safety including: personal hygiene; food from approved sources; inadequate cooking; improper holding and contaminated equipment. In addition, volunteers of local soup kitchens and churches are encouraged to participate. The cost of the Safe Food Worker class is \$10.00 per person. This class differs from the SERV-SAFE™ class that is also offered by the health department for owners and managers of food facilities.

Lastly, the SERV-SAFE™ class is a required class for owners/managers of licensed food facilities and covers all of the information an owner/manager should know based on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 2005 Food Code and the Michigan Food Law of 2000, as amended. The class is offered in a two ½ day format and costs \$168.00/person. A 75% score is required in order to successfully complete this class. After initial certification, recertification is required every 5 years for a cost of \$50.00. Upon successful completion of the program, applicants will receive a SERV-SAFE™ certificate.

For more information on these food safety programs, to register for Safe Food Worker or SERV-SAFE™ class, or schedule a presentation, please contact your local CMDHD department branch office. Information is also available on our website at www.cmdhd.org/SafeFood.