



Island County Public Health

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RE: 2023 Food Safety Program Updates

ATTN: Island County Food Program Permit Holder

Please see the information below regarding changes to the Island County Food Safety Program. Program improvements are being made for 2023 as part of continuous improvement based on feedback received, food code updates that became effective March 1, 2022, and due to the end of temporary Covid-19 emergency waivers/allowances.

The following requirements will apply effective January 1, 2023.

1. All food safety program fees will be assessed in accordance with the current Island County Environmental Health [fee schedule](#). This includes but is not limited to the following:
 - o Temporary food establishment operated by an existing permitted food establishment
 - o Re-inspection fees due to a failed inspection (more than 50 red points, imminent health hazard, cease and desist, etc.)
 - o Re-scheduling of an inspection
 - o Pre-application conference or consultations
 - o Plan review hourly fees
2. The food safety program will be updating all forms to fillable versions. Old forms will no longer be accepted, and limited paper forms will be available to support our programs paperwork reduction efforts. All forms can be found on the food safety program website or can be requested by e-mail at foodsafety@islandcountywa.gov
3. The food safety program will be completing all routine field inspections electronically to support our programs paperwork reduction efforts. Permit holders will be e-mailed reports at the conclusion of the inspection. Please verify that a valid e-mail address is provided on the renewal form to ensure proper delivery of your report. Permit holders without an e-mail may request that a copy of the inspection report be mailed at time of inspection.
4. The food safety program will be verifying that all establishments are classified according to the appropriate risk category in accordance with Island County Food Code requirements for conducting risk-based inspections. Additional information may be requested (see page 2 if applicable) as part of the renewal to ensure the correct category is assigned. Any incorrectly categorized permits identified during inspection will be notified at time of inspection and will be assessed fees in the correct permit category during the 2024 permit renewal cycle.
5. Inspection results will begin to be posted to the food safety program website for public access. However, each establishment is still required to notify customers that a copy of the full inspection report is available for review by request at the establishment.

Please contact Ray Campa at r.campa@islandcountywa.gov with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Raymond Campa", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Raymond Campa CPM, RS/REHS
Food Safety Program Lead