AN ON-LINE CLASS IS NOW AVAILABLE. For information about taking the course online visit https://www.como.gov/FoodHandler/index.cfm or call 573.874.7346.

If you serve or sell alcohol, you will also need to complete the State of Missouri Alcohol Responsibility Training (SMART). This training can be accessed at smart.missouri.edu for free.

Please have the certification of completion for the SMART training with you when you come to the Health Department for the Food Handler card. If you completed the training on your phone, we will just need to see the certificate, or you may bring in a paper copy of completion as well.

We will add the SMART training on the same card as your Food Handler training.

A food handler certificate must be obtained within 30 days of initial employment in the food service industry in the City of Columbia, Missouri. Food handler cards must remain on the premises, available for inspection by the Environmental Health Specialist. Cards are transferable to any food service facility in Columbia.

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