



Rick Scott
Governor

H. Frank Farmer, Jr., MD, PhD, FACP
State Surgeon General

Dear Vendor:

Effective April 1, 2009, the Florida Department of Health made a change to Chapter 64E-11, Florida Administrative Code involving food vendors and booths at temporary events.

Because of this rule change, each food vendor or booth that does not have a current mobile food unit license issued by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) will be required to be inspected by and obtain a sanitation certificate issued by the Florida Department of Health (DOH) in order to operate at the festival.

Since this office will be required perform inspections at the festival, we feel that it is important to make you aware in advance of some potential issues in an effort to avoid any misunderstandings on the day of the event.

1. Please contact this office and complete the necessary application several weeks prior to (or at least well in advance of) the event so that we can generate the sanitation certificate that will be presented. **We will have no means to issue certificates on the day of the event.**
2. The fee for the sanitation certificate is \$50.00. Payment must be made ahead of time to the Jackson County Health Department. **Absolutely no form of payment will be accepted in the field.**
3. Please have your food permit (DOH, DBPR or DACS) prominently displayed for inspection on the day of the festival.
4. All food served must come from an approved source (i.e. permitted and inspected kitchen). Unfortunately this means **no "home made" baked goods, candy or any other food product that is prepared in a private home.**

For your convenience, I have attached some basic food safety and sanitation guidelines.

We look forward to working with you throughout this event and please do not hesitate to contact Gayle Bower or myself at 850-482-9227 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T.G. Harkrider".

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