



ALL FOOD VENDORS PLANNING TO VEND DURING ANY WILLITS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT

In compliance with the Mendocino County Health Department, we require Food Vendors to provide their PHF/NPHF Number to serve prepared foods.

Upon completion of online registration or paper registration, you will be required to provide your PHF/NPHF whichever is applicable to you. If you do not have one, one must be obtained prior to registration for any of our events (current or future) no exceptions.

***PHF:** Booths serving Potentially Hazardous Food (PHF). Potentially Hazardous Foods are foods which are typically high in protein content, contain moisture, have neutral or slightly acidic pH levels, and have a history of foodborne illness outbreaks and a natural potential for contamination due to production and processing methods.

Examples are:

Tofu or soy protein foods, Meat– beef, pork, lamb, etc., milk and milk products, fish, sliced melons, cooked rice, beans, or other heat-treated plant foods, baked or boiled Potatoes, Garlic-in-Oil mixtures, sprouts and raw seeds, shellfish and crustacea synthetic ingredients.

***NPHF:** Booths serving Non-Potentially Hazardous Foods (NPHF). Examples of Non-Potentially Hazardous Foods are as follows: Cookies, breads, cakes, potato chips, popcorn, cotton candy, candy bars, etc.

♦ All Temporary Food Booth Vendors are required to obtain an Operating Permit for each food booth they will have, regardless of whether the vendor is For-Profit, Non-Profit, Veteran Exempt, selling their food, or giving away free samples of prepared foods.

♦ Permit fees will be waived for Non-Profit and Veteran Exempt Temporary Food Booth Vendors with submission of official documentation showing their Non-Profit or Veteran Exempt status, except for Veteran Exempt booths that are selling alcohol or spirits.

♦ Temporary Food Booth Vendor Permit Applications are to be submitted by the individual food vendor, with the appropriate fee or the Federal or State Tax Exemption letter showing the Non-Profit ID#, or a copy of the Veteran Exemption (DD214 Form), directly to Environmental Health no less than 5 business days prior to the event.

If you have questions about the Environmental Health Department permitting process, applications, guidelines, please call **Environmental Health Ukiah office at 707-234-6625**, or website information for the applications, guidelines: **mendocinocounty.gov/eh**

NOTE: Vendors are strongly advised to apply for their food booth permits early, thereby avoiding late penalties.