# **Food Safety for Concession Stands**

# **Personal Hygiene**

### Hand-washing

- A convenient and dedicated hand-washing sink should be available with hot and cold running water, hand soap, and paper towels.
- Volunteers should wash their hands as often as necessary to keep them clean.
- An approved hand sanitizer may also be required in conjunction with hand-washing. Hand sanitizer is not a substitute for proper hand-washing.
- Disposable gloves may not be used instead of hand-washing. Barehand contact with food is not allowed.

### **Person in Charge**

• A volunteer with supervisory duties should complete an accredited food-handler course.

# **Employee Illness**

• Volunteers should not have symptoms of disease, which include coughing, sneezing, sniffling, fever, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, among others. They may not have open wounds while handling food.



# **Food Safety**

### **Temperatures**

- Cook food to proper temperatures. Cooking to 165 F or above should kill bacteria.
- Store all hot food at 135 F or above.
- Keep all cold food at 41 F or below.
- Properly calibrated food service thermometers should be available for use. Thermometers should also be provided in all refrigeration equipment.

#### **Food Sources**

- Food should not be stored or prepared in a private home.
- All food, beverages, and ice must be obtained from a commercial source.
- Any food preparation or storage done off-site must be at a licensed food establishment.
- Baked goods should be portioned and wrapped prior to sale.

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### **Cleaning**

- Clean and sanitize all counters and equipment before and after use.
- Provide a suitable number of trash containers with liners.

# **Cleaning and Sanitizing Serving Utensils**

 All concession stands should use a three-step process to properly wash, rinse, and sanitize equipment.

### To accomplish:

- Use a three-compartment sink.
- Make arrangements with schools to have utensils properly cleaned and sanitized.
- Provide only single-use, disposable eating and serving utensils.

### **Cross-Contamination Prevention**

### **Food Storage**

- All raw meats and raw eggs must be stored below all ready-to-eat and precooked foods.
- Examples of ready-to-eat foods: lettuce, buns, precooked barbecue chopped beef.

#### Equipment

- Use separate cutting boards and utensils to prepare raw meats and ready-to-eat foods.
- All contaminated areas, cutting boards, and utensils must be washed and sanitized after preparing raw meat. Clean and sanitize all areas before preparing ready-to-eat foods.



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