

Kentucky & Ohio Food Handler Card Quick-Reference Guide

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KENTUCKY — Counties Where a Food Handler Card IS Required

| County | Major Cities | Cost | Validity | Online OK? | Dept. Phone |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Fayette County | Lexington | \$23 | 3 years | NO — In-Person Only at LFCHD | (859) 252-2371 |
| Jefferson County | Louisville | ~\$10–20 | 3 years | Verify w/ LMPHW | (502) 574-6520 |
| Madison County | Richmond, Berea | Varies | 3 years | YES (ANAB) | (859) 623-7312 |
| Franklin County | Frankfort | ~\$15 | 2 years | YES (approved) | (502) 564-7647 |
| Montgomery County | Mt. Sterling | \$15 | 3 years | YES (KY TRAIN) | (859) 498-3808 |
| Pike County | Pikeville | Varies | Varies | YES (approved) | (606) 432-0386 |
| Bullitt County | Shepherdsville | Varies | Varies | Verify w/ dept. | (502) 543-2137 |

KENTUCKY — Counties Where a Food Handler Card Is NOT Required (Voluntary Only)

| County | Major Cities | Health Department | Phone |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Boone County | Florence, Burlington | NKY Health Dept. | (859) 341-4151 |
| Kenton County | Covington, Erlanger | NKY Health Dept. | (859) 341-4151 |
| Campbell County | Newport, Alexandria | NKY Health Dept. | (859) 341-4151 |
| Grant County | Williamstown | NKY Health Dept. | (859) 341-4151 |
| Warren County | Bowling Green | Barren River District HD | (270) 781-8039 |
| Daviess County | Owensboro | Green River District HD | (270) 684-9337 |
| Hardin County | Elizabethtown, Radcliff | Hardin County Health Dept. | (270) 765-5252 |
| Woodford County | Versailles, Midway | Bluegrass District HD | (859) 252-2371 |
| Jessamine County | Nicholasville | Jessamine County HD | (859) 885-4149 |
| Clark County | Winchester | Clark County Health Dept. | (859) 744-4482 |
| Boyd County | Ashland | Gateway District HD | (606) 329-9444 |
| Perry County | Hazard | Cumberland Valley District HD | (606) 436-2316 |
| Muhlenberg County | Greenville | Pennyrile District HD | (270) 388-9579 |

OHIO — Individual Food Worker Card NOT Required in Any County Listed Below

| County | Major Cities | Health Department | Phone |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Hamilton County | Cincinnati | Hamilton Co. Public Health | (513) 946-7800 |
| Franklin County | Columbus | Columbus Public Health | (614) 645-7417 |
| Cuyahoga County | Cleveland | Cuyahoga Co. Board of Health | (216) 201-2000 |
| Montgomery County | Dayton | Public Health — Dayton & Montgomery | (937) 225-5700 |

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|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Summit County | Akron | Summit County Public Health | (330) 926-5600 |
| Butler County | Hamilton, Middletown | Butler County General Health District | (513) 863-1770 |
| Warren County | Mason, Lebanon | Warren County Health District | (513) 695-1220 |
| Clermont County | Batavia, Milford | Clermont County Public Health | (513) 732-7499 |
| Lucas County | Toledo | Toledo-Lucas County Health Dept. | (419) 213-4100 |
| Stark County | Canton, Massillon | Stark County Health Dept. | (330) 493-9904 |
| Licking County | Newark | Licking County Health Dept. | (740) 349-6535 |
| Greene County | Xenia, Beavercreek | Greene County Public Health | (937) 374-5600 |
| Delaware County | Delaware, Powell | Delaware General Health District | (740) 368-1700 |
| Lorain County | Lorain, Elyria, Avon | Lorain County Health Dept. | (440) 322-6367 |
| Fairfield County | Lancaster, Pickerington | Fairfield County Health District | (740) 652-2800 |

THE ONE RULE THAT APPLIES EVERYWHERE — Food Manager Certification (CFPM)

| State | Requirement | Who Must Have It | Approved Providers | Validity |
|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|----------|
| Kentucky (KY) | Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) — 902 KAR 45:005 | At least 1 per food establishment | ServSafe, Prometric, NRFSP (ANAB-accredited) | ~5 years |
| Ohio (OH) | Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) — OAC 3717-1-02.4 | At least 1 per food operation | ServSafe, Prometric, NRFSP (ANAB-accredited) | ~5 years |

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