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## **Food Handler’s Training Course to be Offered**

The “Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)” was revised, updated and was effective October 11, 2015. **A major change in the revision now requires ALL food employees to complete an accredited food handlers training program within 60 days of employment, effective September 1, 2016.**

A food handler’s course, accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services, is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. *Food Safety: It’s In Your Hands* will be offered by the Shelby County Extension Office on Wednesday, February 21st, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Shelby County Extension Office Meeting room located at 266 Nacogdoches St. in Center, Texas 75935.

This two-hour course is highly recommended for all food service employees to promote the service of safe food. The course is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment. Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.



To register for this course, contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, County Extension Agent at 936-598-7744 or [jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu). The cost is \$25 per person (check or money order) and must

be paid in full before the course begins. The class is taught in English but Spanish handouts are available if requested in advance. You can also complete your food handler's card online at [www.foodsafetyonline.tamu.edu](http://www.foodsafetyonline.tamu.edu).

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