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CHANGES TO SERVSAFE FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER CLASSES – EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2026

For many years, the Lake County Health Department has been proud to support our food service community by offering ServSafe Food Handler education and testing. Through hundreds of classes and countless successful certifications, we have worked alongside local establishments, food workers, and community partners to promote safe food handling practices and protect public health.

We are grateful to everyone who has participated in our programs and contributed to improving food safety across Lake County.

Beginning February 1, 2026, the Lake County Health Department will no longer offer ServSafe Food classes or testing. This change allows us to shift resources toward other key public health initiatives while ensuring that residents and businesses continue to have access to quality Food Manager Certification training through alternative providers.

ALTERNATIVE TRAINING OPTIONS IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA:

1. **Purdue Extension - Lake County**
 - a. Contact Linda Curley at (219) 755-3240 or lcureley@purdue.edu
2. **Hoosier Hospitality Consulting - Hoosierhospitalityconsulting.com**
 - a. Contact Erin at (317) 447-4761 or erin@hoosierhospitalityconsulting.com
3. **Indiana Department of Health - www.in.gov/health**
 - a. Food Manager certification requirements and training providers
4. **Safe Food Handlers Corporation - www.sfhcorp.com**
 - a. Online, self-study, or search for in-person classes and exams

We remain committed to providing efficient and high-quality service to the community. If you have any questions regarding this transition or general food safety requirements, please contact: Lake County Health Department- Food Safety Division, at 219-755-3655.

Sincerely,

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