

Food Safety Guidance

for Large-Scale Events



As Rhode Island prepares for increased tourism and food service demand during the FIFA World Cup 2026™ and the Rhode Island Summer of Soccer™, the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Center for Food Protection (CFP) encourages licensed establishments to review food safety practices for high-volume operations. This document provides key information on food defense, licensing, food safety, and reporting suspected foodborne illness to support compliance, reduce risk, and protect public health during periods of increased activity.



Licensees are encouraged to take the following food defense actions:

- Develop and maintain a [functional food defense plan](#) outlining staff roles and response procedures.
- Implement [food defense practices](#) for large-scale events, including maintaining awareness of food operations and securing food and supplies.
- Restrict access to food preparation, storage, and service areas to authorized staff only.
- Maintain active supervision of food and beverages during receiving, preparation, holding, transport, and service.
- Monitor and secure ingredients, finished products, and single-use items at all stages.
- Train staff to recognize and report suspicious behavior, unauthorized individuals, or unusual activity related to food operations. Front-line employees can complete the Food and Drug Administration's [Food Defense 101](#) training.



Licensees are encouraged to take the following food safety actions:

- Review and share the following materials with your food workers so that everyone is aware of how to prevent the spread of germs in a food establishment and prevent illnesses:
 - [Employee Health Agreement](#)
 - [Wash Your Hands!](#)
 - [No Bare Hand Contact](#)
- [Kitchen managers](#) should know how to properly [respond to vomiting and diarrhea](#) events.
- Use the [Operational Inspection Handout](#) as a daily self-inspection tool.
- Review RIDOH CFP's complete food safety binder documents, available in: [English](#) | [Cape Verdean](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Haitian French](#) | [Khmer](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Report](#) any foodborne illness.



Rhode Island Food Licensing Information



[Licensing a Mobile Food Establishment Food Truck](#)



[Mobile Food Establishment Checklist \(Spanish\)](#)



[Operating at Shows, Festivals, and Temporary Events](#)



[Licensing a New Food Establishment](#)

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