



Article III “Food Safety” Repeal and Replace: Important Update

The Allegheny County Council approved the repeal and replacement of the Health Department’s (ACHD) Rule and Regulation Article III, “Food Safety” on June 7, 2022.

The updated Article III will take effect on January 1, 2023.

The article sets food safety standards for local food operators to protect the public from foodborne illness, as well as ensure a healthy environment in food facilities. The ACHD Food Safety Program will be performing educational outreach to food industry members in the months leading up to and directly after enacting the updated article.

For those that wish to read the updated Article III language before its enactment, please visit <https://bit.ly/ACHD-Food-Safety-Regulations>. The ‘Article III Update’ document is a reader-friendly version of the redline document approved by County Council. Changes of note within Article III include:

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| §302 <u>Food Permits</u> : New subsection 302.2 “Classification” added | Page 6 |
| §304 <u>Food Facility Plans and Applications</u> : Revised | Page 8 |
| §306 <u>Temporary and Seasonal Event Registration</u> : New section | Page 11 |
| §310 <u>Utensil Handling and Storage</u> : New subsection 310.4 “Returnable Items” added | Page 16 |
| §311 <u>Cleaning and Sanitization of Equipment and Utensils</u> : Revised and new subsection 311.5 “Alternative Manual Cleaning and Sanitizing” added | Page 17 |
| §316 <u>Animals in Food Facilities</u> : Revised | Page 25 |
| §317.2 <u>Openings</u> : Revised | Page 26 |
| §321 <u>Plumbing</u> : Revised | Page 29 |
| §328 <u>Infected Food Worker</u> : New subsections 328.2 “Food Worker Exclusion” and 328.3 “Food Worker Restriction” added | Page 36 |
| §329 <u>Food Supplies</u> : Revised. | Page 38 |
| §330 <u>Food Prepared in a Private Home</u> : New section | Page 40 |
| §332 <u>Food Storage</u> : Revisions to subsection 332.6 “Date Marking of Food” | Page 41 |
| §333 <u>Food Preparation</u> : New subsection 333.9 “Food Labels” added | Page 48 |
| §334 <u>Food Display and Service</u> : New subsection 334.3 “Food Delivery” added | Page 50 |
| §335 <u>Donation of Foods</u> : New section | Page 52 |
| §336 <u>Transportation of Food</u> : Revised | Page 53 |
| §337 <u>Specialized Processes and HACCP Plans</u> : New section | Page 54 |
| §341 <u>Shared Kitchens</u> : New section | Page 62 |
| §342 <u>Self-Service Food Facility</u> : New section | Page 64 |
| §350 <u>Food Safety Advisory Committee</u> : New section | Page 69 |

If you have questions about Article III or any other food safety topic, please contact the ACHD Food Safety Program by calling 412-578-8044 or emailing foodsafety@alleghenycounty.us.