



## 2019 Food Definitions

### Tier 1

Establishments that serve or sell pre-packaged Time and Temperature Control for Safety (TCS) food and/or prepare non-TCS food. Tier I establishments will be inspected a minimum of one time per calendar year.

### Tier 2

Establishments that prepare, cook, and immediately serve TCS food. Allows for hot or cold holding after preparation or cooking. Tier 1 establishments that serve a highly susceptible population\* will be classified as Tier 2. Tier 2 establishments will be inspected a minimum of two times per calendar year.

### Tier 3

Establishments that meet Tier 2 requirements along with the three-step process of cooking, cooling and reheating; require a HACCP\*\* plan; or establishments that prepare and serve food to a highly susceptible population\*. Tier 3 establishments will be inspected a minimum of three times per calendar year.

\*A highly susceptible population is defined as persons who are more likely than other people in the general population to experience foodborne disease because they are:

- (1) Immunocompromised; preschool age children, or older adults; and
- (2) Obtaining food at a facility that provides services such as custodial care, health care, or assisted living, such as an adult day care center, kidney dialysis center, hospital or nursing home, or nutritional or socialization services such as a senior center.

\*\*HACCP: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points

**Food:** A licensed establishment that prepares and/or serves food (including beverage) directly to the consumer at the premises. This includes any establishment not otherwise defined below.

**Grocery:** A licensed-establishment that sells products such as staple and accessory food related items and household goods. Staple foods are food items intended for home preparation and consumption.

**Bakery:** A licensed establishment, or department within a facility, where only baked foods are prepared, processed, and sold.

**Retail Meat:** A licensed food establishment, or department within a facility, that processes fresh animal products onsite for sale.

**Food Event Vendor:** Any licensed vendor that caters or is equipped to prepare and/or serve food from a self-contained unit for individual food events. TCS foods must be prepared at the event.

**School, Church, Group Home:** A licensed food establishment that serves a defined population in a congregate dining fashion. This includes public and private schools, independent group homes, community centers, and community churches.

**Concession – seasonal:** A licensed food vendor that prepares and serves food at entertainment/sports venues between the dates of April 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mobile/Concessions:** Licensed food vendors that serves and/or prepare food outside of a brick and mortar facility. A licensed commissary is required if the food service unit is not self-contained.

**Delivery Service:** A licensed food establishment that delivers, contracts, and/or utilizes a third party to deliver food items to the end consumer.