

52nd ANNUAL EQT WASHINGTON & GREENE COUNTIES'



COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL

Ebenezer Covered Bridge, Mingo Creek County Park
September 16-17, 2023 • Festival Hours 10am-5pm



VENDOR SAFETY GUIDELINES

The Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency (WCTPA) expects all vendors and their staff to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health safety guidelines that may be in place at the time of the Covered Bridge Festival (CBF) at the Ebenezer Bridge site. All CBF Food & Beverage (F&B) Vendors are also expected to adhere to the following Food & Beverage Safety Certification Requirements below.

FOOD & BEVERAGE SAFETY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Food Employee Certification Act (the "Act") requires that one (1) employee per licensed food facility obtain food safety certification from a recognized food manager certification program. The purpose of the Act is to ensure uniform safe food handling procedures in retail food facilities across the Commonwealth. The WCTPA and the CBF expects F&B Vendors to comply with the Act unless the F&B Vendor otherwise qualifies for an exemption as provided herein.

Requirements

Unless exempt, the Vendor in Charge of each F&B Vendor is required to complete a food safety manager certification course and provide the WCTPA with a copy of the certificate of completion upon acceptance.

Each F&B Vendor is required to display the certificate of completion in a visible location in the F&B Vendor's stand throughout the duration of the CBF.

Vendor in Charge

The Vendor in Charge must be certified, available during all operational hours of the CBF, and must be the person in charge or the manager of the F&B Vendor while on the premises.

Food Safety Manager Certification Courses

A complete list of approved food safety manager certification courses can be found at:

https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/consumer_protection/FoodSafety/Retail%20Food/Pages/Food-Employee-Certification.aspx

Exempt Vendors

F&B Vendors managed by not-for-profit or tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 are exempt from the provisions of the Act and from these requirements. If the F&B Vendor is exempt, documentation showing the not-for-profit status or a copy of the F&B Vendor's Internal Revenue Service determination letter or affirmation letter must be submitted with the F&B Vendor's CBF Application and such exemption will be subject to the review and approval of the WCTPA. F&B Vendors selling commercially pre-packaged foods or non-time/temperature controlled for safety foods are also exempt from these requirements. To qualify for this exemption, F&B Vendors must submit a detailed description of the products intended to be sold at the CBF with their CBF Application, indicating if they are pre-packaged or non-time/temperature controlled.

For more information on Time Temperature Control for Safety Foods, visit

<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/food/guidanceregulation/retailfoodprotection/foodcode/ucm595140.pdf>.