

## Food Service Industry Forum – Meeting Minutes – 1/21/2025 – 2:00pm

### 1) **Welcome!** – Welcoming remarks.

### 2) **Updates** –

- Discussed a [webinar opportunity](#) provided by Alliance to Stop Foodborne Illness and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Michigan Food Law update - Several bills were proposed to modify the Michigan Food Law, but none passed. MDARD may re-introduce them in 2025.
- Additional changes in minimum wage and paid medical leave. Refer any questions to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity – Wage and Hour Division [www.michigan.gov/wagehour](http://www.michigan.gov/wagehour)
- 2025/2026 Food Service License Applications are available – renewals are due by April 30, 2025 – late fees are assessed if a complete application and payment is not received by April 30, 2025
- No outstanding fees? [Renew online!](#) – New owners and STFUs are not eligible to renew online.
- OCHD will be offering the [ServSafe Certified Manager training](#) in Spanish in March and October of 2025

### 3) **[Vaccination Community Navigators](#)** – *Jolene Messer, OCHD VCN* -

- Discussion about Hepatitis A –
  - How Hepatitis A is contracted
  - How to prevent Hepatitis A
  - What OCHD can provide to help assist in getting food service employees vaccinated for Hepatitis A

### 4) **Enteric Diseases in Oakland County** - *Jarrod D'Valentine, Melissa Williams-Bowman, OCHD* –

- Discussed what constitutes a foodborne outbreak – 2 or more complaints from non-household members for the same facility. This is indicative of a “potential outbreak” and an investigation is initiated.
- Discussed the illness complaint process
  - Role of Communicable Disease Unit
    - Discussed different foodborne illness-causing organisms in the United States
    - Discussed “big 6” reportable foodborne illnesses

### 5) **How to Respond to an Illness Complaint** – *Alyssa Pouliot, OCHD EH*

- Discussed the role of Environmental Health Unit during a foodborne illness investigation.
- Discussed what a food facility manager’s role is in aiding a foodborne illness outbreak investigation.
- Discussed what happens after the initial investigation of a foodborne illness outbreak.
- Discussed how to prevent foodborne illness.
- Discussed the [FDA Employee Health Policy Tool](#)

### 6) **Resource Sharing**

- [Oakland County Community Resources Available to You](#) flyer shared with the group.

**7) Questions?**

- Permanent jewelry? What is allowed in the restaurant? Discussed covering a facial piercing with a bandage or removing it, if possible.

**8) Follow-up Survey**

- What do you want to hear about next time?
- Provided survey to provide input.