



Public Health Information Sheet

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Web Resources

NPS Public Health:
[http://www.nps.gov/public_](http://www.nps.gov/public_health/)
[health/](http://www.nps.gov/public_health/)

CDC:
<http://www.cdc.gov>

**State and Local Health
Departments:**
[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/i](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/international/relres.html)
[nternational/relres.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/international/relres.html)

Public Health Related Certifications and Trainings

Recommendations by the Public Health Program of the National Park Service Summary

This report provides recommendations for minimum training requirements for NPS and Concessioner employees in Public Health related areas. The purpose of these recommendations is to provide water and wastewater operators, food service employees, and associated NPS employees with training to reduce the risk of waterborne, foodborne and vectorborne diseases.

Introduction

The National Park Service operates and maintains approximately: 1700 potable drinking water systems, 1000 wastewater treatment facilities, an estimated 7000 onsite waste disposal facilities; regulates 500 food service operations; and provides innumerable water/wastewater/food service operations for backcountry NPS operations. There are 1700 NPS employees handling an annual visitation of 270 million Park visitors. It is estimated that 1.5 million meals are served annually in the backcountry of the Colorado Plateau alone.

Recommendations

To minimize the potential of a waterborne, foodborne or vectorborne disease outbreak, the Public Health Program of the National Park Service recommends the following minimum and suggested (*) requirements:

Park Concessions Staff

Training/Education

Food Sanitation Certification Course (16 hours)
Concessions Pricing and Evaluation

Certifications

Water System Operators

Training/Education

Water Treatment Plant operator -
State/Territorial requirements
Laboratory Analyst Training (*)
Cross-Connection Control (*)
Continuing Education

Certification

State/Territorial Certification
Laboratory Analyst Certification (*)

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Wastewater System Operators

Training/Education

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator - State/Territorial requirements
 Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Installer
 Laboratory Analyst Training (*)
 Introduction to Backflow Prevention

Certification

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification
 Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Installer Certification (*)
 Laboratory Analyst Certification (*)

Bathing Beaches Monitors

Training/Education

Beach Monitoring Course/Workshop

Certification

Food Concession Operators (Front and Backcountry)

Training/Education

Managers/Shift Supervisors:

Food Sanitation Course (16 hours)
 HACCP Course (16 hours)
 Kitchen Design Course (24 hours) (*)
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Certification

Food Protection Manager Certification
 Or
 Certified Food Safety Professional Credentialing
 HACCP Certification

Permanent Food Service Workers:

Food Handlers Course (8 hours)
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Food Handlers Certification

Seasonal Food Service Workers:

Food Employee Certification/Training Course (4 hours, can be in-house)
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Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Operators

Training/Education

Pool Operator Course

Certification

Pool Operator Certification

NPS Trail and Fire Crews Kitchen Staff

Training/Education

Food Handlers Course (8 hours)
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Certification

Food Handlers Certification

NPS Staff – Rangers, Resource Management, Maintenance

Training/Education

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Certification

Training is available through National, State, and/or local jurisdictions; recognized third parties; and the National Park Service.

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