



## Cochise County Environmental Health

# Person in Charge

DESIGNATED PIC IS REQUIRED DURING ALL HOURS OF OPERATION

## Demonstration of knowledge

The person in charge (PIC) must be able to demonstrate their knowledge of foodborne disease prevention. The PIC must know:

- How the following helps prevent foodborne illness:
  - Personal hygiene and handwashing
  - Preventing bare hand contact with ready-to-eat food
  - Time/temperature control for safety food (TCS) maintenance
  - Controlling cross contamination
- How to prevent the transmission of foodborne disease by an employee who has a disease or infectious condition.
- The symptoms of foodborne diseases.
- The hazards involved in consuming raw or undercooked meat, poultry, eggs and fish.
- The required temperatures and times for TCS food during cold holding, hot holding, cooking, cooling, and reheating.
- The major food allergens and the symptoms of an allergic reaction.
- Procedures for cleaning and sanitizing food-contact surfaces.
- How to identify toxic materials and safe storage, handling and disposal.
- The responsibilities of the PIC, employees and the inspector.
- How the establishment complies with employee illness requirements, such as reporting, and exclusion or restriction.

## Duties of the Person In Charge

The PIC is responsible for ensuring safe food handling practices at all times. The PIC must ensure that:

- All employees understand employee illness reporting requirements.
- Ill employees are restricted or excluded.
- Employee handwashing is monitored.
- Employees prevent cross contamination of ready-to-eat food from bare hands by using effective methods such as single-use gloves or dispensing equipment.
- Employees cold hold, cook, cool, reheat and hot hold TCS food to proper temperatures and for required times.
- Employees routinely monitor food temperatures and times.
- Employees use proper methods to sanitize food-contact surfaces.
- Employees monitor or verify that food is safely received from approved sources.
- Employees are properly trained in food safety, including food allergy awareness.
- A consumer advisory regarding the increased risks of consuming raw or partially cooked animal food is posted.
- Consumers who return to self-service areas such as salad bars are notified to use clean tableware.
- Food operations are not conducted in a private home or in sleeping quarters.
- Required written procedures and plans are maintained and followed.