Illinois Department of Public Health has issued a Health Advisory regarding Hepatitis A Virus and the important points to reduce the risk of spread through food establishment workers. Illinois is experiencing an outbreak of Hepatitis A Virus. There is a high risk potential for transmission of Hepatitis A from infected persons who are employed at a food service establishment.

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WHAT IS HEPATITIS A?

It is a highly contagious liver disease caused by a virus. It is spread from person to person and can last weeks to months. Symptoms usually start within 15-50 days of exposure to hepatitis A.

HOW IS HEPATITIS A SPREAD?

- Sharing personal items or having sex with someone who is infected
- Consuming food or drinks handled by an infected person
- Contact with an infected person's waste
- Sharing needles, other drugs, or cigarettes handled by an infected person

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF HEPATITIS A?

- Fever
- Dark urine, pale stool, diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes)

Other symptoms include: stomach pain, feeling tired, loss of appetite
If you have symptoms, see a doctor.

HOW DO I PREVENT HEPATITIS A?

- Get vaccinated
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water
- Do NOT share needles or have sex with someone who has hepatitis A
- Do NOT share food, drinks, eating utensils or cigarettes

WHO IS AT HIGH RISK OF HEPATITIS A?

- People who use illegal drugs
- Men who have sex with men
- People currently homeless or in transient living
- People recently in jail or prison

If you are at high risk, contact your local health department or health care provider about receiving a hepatitis A vaccine today.
Farmer's Market

APPLICATION FOR A TAZEWELL COUNTY
FARMERS MARKET PERMIT

Tazewell County Health Department
21306 Illinois Route 9
Trenton, IL 61568-9252
Phone # (309) 925-5511
Fax # (309) 925-4100

1. Name of business

2. Owner/operator

3. Home address City

4. Phone # Cell phone #

1. Address of business City

(Where you plan to sell your products)

2. Use the lines below to list all the event dates and times you plan to be open. This permit will be valid only on the dates listed below.

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3. List all the products below that you plan to sell at the farmers market.

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- This is not an application for a temporary license. If any food is to be served, a temporary license must be secured. Information for a temporary license is available from our website at www.tchd.net
- All criteria must be followed or the business will not be allowed to operate.
- This application must be returned to the Tazewell County Health Department at least FIVE days prior to the event.
I have reviewed the Guidelines for farmers markets and ensure all items will be met ___

Signature of Operator(s): Date: 

Planning on selling products at the farmers market? This is the application that must be filled out to register for a permit. If you are selling food at the farmers market, you must have a temporary license. The temporary license application can be found here: https://www.tazewellhealth.org/DocumentCenter/View/421/Temporary-Food-Permit-Application

To learn more about cottage food or farmers markets, visit our website: https://www.tazewellhealth.org/176/Cottage-Food-Farmers-Market
ANYONE CAN GET FOOD POISONING

But some people are more likely to get sick because their bodies can’t fight germs as well.

People with a higher risk of FOOD POISONING

- Adults aged 65 and older
- Children younger than 5 years
- People with weakened immune systems
- Pregnant women

Choose and prepare food carefully to help prevent food poisoning.

www.cdc.gov/foodsafety
Anyone can get food poisoning. Ensure the proper precautions are taken to keep food safe. Keep thermometers on hand to ensure food is cooked to the proper cooking temperature.
Several years ago, in a Reading, Massachusetts elevator, a Teacup Poodle, claimed as an emotional support animal, leapt from a purse to attack a service dog. In June of 2017, a man was mauled by an emotional support dog on a Delta Airlines flight. Last year in Los Angeles, California, a Pit Bull under the care of a homeless veteran attacked a Golden Retriever in an outdoor seating area of a restaurant. Reports like these are not at all uncommon, and it might be only a matter of time before the setting is Tazewell County.

FDA Food Code 6-501.115 prohibits the presence of live animals within a food establishment, unless certain criteria are met and precautions taken to prevent the contamination of exposed food, clean food equipment and utensils, and single-use articles. For example, the Code explicitly states that edible or decorative fish may be stored or held in aquariums. K-9 dogs that are on-duty may accompany law enforcement personnel in public areas. In long-term care facilities, pets or other therapy animals may be allowed provided the animals are only allowed in common areas away from food prep and storage areas. And service animals of customers or employees are allowed, again, as long as there is no risk of contamination of food or food-contact equipment or surfaces.

Under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is defined as an animal that has been trained to perform a task for the benefit of an individual with a disability. A guide dog or seeing-eye dog helps visually impaired people navigate. Some dogs have been trained to sense when handlers are prone to a seizure and will act to protect the handler’s head during the episode. For paraplegics, service dogs can be utilized to reach items off shelves, open doors, press elevator buttons, and dozens of other tasks. In each of these instances, the service dog is performing a task. While emotional support animals are frequently used in mental and medical health treatment, they are currently not recognized as service animals under the ADA. These animals, while incredibly beneficial as they provide companionship, relieve loneliness, depression, and anxiety, do not perform a task or service. Rather, they provide a benefit just by their presence.

Titles II and III of the ADA allow for a service animal to enter in public facilities and any location that the public is permitted within that facility. However, the ADA also states that the individual with the service animal in tow cannot be asked about the nature of their disability. Only two questions may be asked:

1. Is the animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?
If the answer to either of these questions is no, none, or silence, the facility does have the right to refuse entry into the establishment.

But let’s not pretend that denial of a support animal into a food establishment is without consequences. By requesting that patrons with Poodles in purses, Labs on leashes, or Shih Tzus in shopping carts leave their animals at home, negative public relations may result. The best thing to do as a licensed food establishment is explain that you are following the Federal Code and to have them reach out to legislators to pass laws identifying emotional support animals under the ADA.
Hi, my name is Dylan Stasz and I am an Environmental Health Sanitarian for Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD). I am from Pekin IL, and graduated Pekin Community High School in 2013. I graduated Illinois State University in 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in environmental health and a minor in occupational safety.

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My hobbies include watching YouTube videos for hours, playing disc golf, hiking outdoors, and hanging out with friends.

Be on the look our for Dylan in the field.