

Oneida Tribe *of* Indians *of* Wisconsin
Environmental, Health & Safety Division

Main Office
PO Box 365
3759 W. Mason Street
Oneida, WI 54155
Phone (920) 496-5330
FAX (920) 496-7883



Conservation Field Office
PO Box 365
N8047 County Road U
Oneida, WI 54155
Phone (920) 869-1450
FAX (920) 869-2743

TO: Potential Independent Food Service Vendors

FROM: Stephanie Mineau, R.S., Environmental Health Technician

RE: History & Guidelines of Independent Food Service Vendors

Since September 4, 2001, food sales (tamales, burritos, breads, baked items, etc.) in Tribal buildings have been subject to the Oneida Food Service Code. All licensed vendors will have a badge issued annually by the Environmental Health & Safety Division, which clearly states they are **"INDEPENDENT FOOD VENDORS"**.

WHY IS THE ONEIDA FOOD SERVICE CODE IMPORTANT ANYWAY?

- Codes help protect the public from disease and injury.
- Codes hold each food establishment to the same standards.
- Codes hold each inspector to the same standards.

WHAT KIND OF DISEASES?

- There are more than 200 known diseases transmitted through food.
- Each year as many as 81 million people become ill from food.
- Approximately 9000 people die each year from foodborne illnesses.

HOW DO PEOPLE GET SICK?

- When food isn't prepared properly contamination can occur.

COULDN'T THE TRIBE JUST INSPECT MY KITCHEN AT HOME?

- It would be very difficult and expensive for each vendor to design a suitable kitchen. Some problems would include;
 1. The kitchen would have to be separate from the home.
 2. Commercial kitchen equipment would be required.
 3. Approved plumbing would be required.
 4. The Tribe doesn't have enough manpower to inspect the potentially large number of facilities.

LICENSING ADVANTAGES

- Your customers will feel more confident in the products that they buy.
- Vendors may actually see an increase in sales.
- All vendors will be held to the same standards.
- Each vendor will be licensed to sell food prepared from an approved site-on the Reservation.

ONEIDA FOOD SERVICE CODE CITATIONS:

6-1 No person or persons, corporation or firm shall operate a food service establishment either permanent or temporary, or sell food as an Independent Food Vendor on Tribal property, who does not have a valid, unsuspended, unrevoked Oneida Food Vendors License issued by the Licensing Department.

6-4-2 All Independent Food Service Licenses will be issued as follows:

1. Applicant must successfully complete the Oneida Food Handler's Class. To register for class call The Environmental, Health & Safety Division at 496-5340.

2. Applicant must then apply for an annual Independent Food Vendor License through the Environmental, Health & Safety Division.

3. Applicant must then reserve kitchen time for the Oneida Civic Center Kitchen by calling 869-1088 or Parish Hall, 869-3092. All food product sold to the public on a for-profit basis must be prepared in this approved kitchen. No other food product can be sold on tribal property.

(There are NO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS for Independent Food Vendors).

11-1 EXCEPTIONS & EXEMPTIONS

The following food service vendors will be exempt from the requirements of this code;

11-1-1 Private rummage sales

11-1-2 Community sponsored non-profit fundraising and/or charity events.

11-1-3 Official Tribal meetings such as GTC.

11-1-4 Food sold on land other than Tribally owned land.

November 2008