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Greene County Public Health Releases 2026 Food Protection Training Class Schedule

XENIA, OH -- The Food Protection program through Environmental Health Services at Greene County Public Health is offering Food Protection Training classes throughout the year. These classes are designed to promote proper food handling procedures to prevent foodborne illness.

The Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code requires that all food facilities have a person-in-charge (PIC) working at all times. To be a PIC, an employee should understand the food safety procedures relevant to the operation. The PIC Course will teach food safety principles necessary to be a PIC. The following link provides access to an ODH-approved online PIC course: https://www.healthspace.com/Clients/Ohio/Ohio_Website_Live.nsf/FoodCertifications.xsp. You may also schedule GCPH to teach the PIC class in person at your facility for \$300.00.

The ServSafe® Manager Certification Course is a 2-day course that covers food safety procedures and the prevention of foodborne illnesses. Upon successful completion, participants in this course will receive national, state, and local recognition as certified in food safety. This course requirement applies to all managers of Risk Level III and IV Food Service Operations (FSOs) and Retail Food Establishments (RFEs). At least one employee who "has supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service," must obtain the ServSafe® Manager Certification in Food Protection course.

The ServSafe® Manager Certification Course will be held at the offices of Greene County Public Health, 360 Wilson Drive in Xenia. The cost is \$175.00 per person. *You must register in advance of the class to guarantee your seat.* The cost for a retest or proctored exam is \$75.00 per person.

Class dates for 2026 have been set. Remember, these are two-day classes, so plan accordingly. The exam is given on the second day, and retests are also offered on Day 2. The 2026 schedule is as follows:

- April 13 & 20
- June 15 & 22
- August 10 & 17
- October 19 & 26

Registration is open now. For more information, please call 937-374-5607.

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