

Public Act 516 of 2014

requires the certified food safety manager at all foodservice establishments complete allergens training and display an allergens poster by January 17, 2017.

Allergens Training Mandate FAQs

What is the new allergens requirement?

According to Public Act 516, which was signed by Governor Snyder in January 2015, food safety certified managers at food service establishments (e.g., restaurant, school or hospital inspected by a Michigan local health department) shall do both of the following:

1. Complete allergens training – Beginning January 17, 2017 through January 17, 2020, each food service establishment, shall have at least one certified manager that has also completed additional allergens training approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). An allergens training program certificate of completion is recognized to be valid for 5 years from date of issuance.

2. Post an allergens poster in the establishment's staff area – From January 17, 2015, until January 17, 2020, each food service establishment shall display, in its staff area, a food allergy awareness poster developed and approved by the Michigan Department Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). The poster must include, but is not limited to, information regarding the risk of an allergic reaction. The information from the poster may be posted in a readable form in a staff area.

Who is exempt from the allergens requirement?

- Any food establishment directly inspected by MDARD
- Local health department inspected food service establishments that are not required to have a certified manager, such as temporary and low-risk establishments
- A certified food safety manager at a food service establishment with more than 20 locations in Michigan



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For more information about the allergens mandate, call the MRA at 517-702-3941.