

## **I got sick after eating a restaurant. What should I do?**

If this is an emergency, seek medical attention immediately.

Once you have received appropriate medical care or if none is needed, contact Environmental Health, (970) 565-3056 ext. 225. Be prepared to answer the following questions:

- Symptoms, start and end
- 72 hour food history
- Other individuals who may have eaten the same items
- Other individuals who are sick
- Medical diagnoses (if any)

We appreciate you taking the time to contact us in order to identify and prevent possible food borne outbreaks in the community

## **How do I start a restaurant or take over an existing restaurant?**

For a new facility: You must fill out a plan review packet. This will give you details of Environmental Health requirements for retail food service. For example, all retail food service facilities must provide employee an employee hand washing sink, a place to wash dishes and a mop sink. Once this is submitted with associated documents and fees, you will be given a list of any additional requirements as well as instructions on how to proceed.

For a change of ownership of an existing facility: Contact Environmental Health, (970) 565-3056 ext. 225, to set up a walk-through inspection of the facility. An inspector will meet you onsite and if any part of the facility is not meeting current Colorado State Retail Food Regulations, it will have to be corrected. A fee of \$75 will be collected on site for the inspection.

In either instance, once you have been approved by this department, you will need to obtain a Retail Food License and pay for the current year's license. The fee is not prorated and will be the same whether you open your business in January or December.

## **How much does a license cost?**

State law establishes license fees. The cost of a license ranges from \$115 to \$690. Licensing fees for restaurants are based on the establishments seating capacity.

Seating Capacity between 0 and 100 the fee is \$255.00.

Seating capacity between 101 and 200 the fee is \$285.00.

Seating capacity from 201 and up the fee is \$310.00.

Licensing fees for grocery stores or markets are based on the establishment's square footage and whether the establishment includes a deli.

For retail establishments with a deli, the fees range from \$207.00 to \$690.00.

For retail establishments without a deli, the fees range from \$207.00 to \$500.00.

**Are there other fees that may be assessed?**

The cost of the plan review is \$200.00, due upon submission of the plans and specifications.

**How do I obtain a license to operate a restaurant , grocery store or at a temporary event.**

Contact the Environmental Health at (970) 565-3056 ext. 225 to obtain a license application. When your facility receives approval from the Health Department to open, the license application will be approved and the license will be mailed to the establishment. Licenses expire on December 31st of each calendar year.