

Food Vendor Health Department Information

Thank you for your interest in becoming a food vendor. Below are some important updates to the Pinal County Environmental Health Services permitting process. Please review the following to determine how best to proceed. For questions regarding permitting, please contact [Environmental Health Services](mailto:envhealth.sharedmailbox@pinal.gov) at 866-287-0209 or envhealth.sharedmailbox@pinal.gov

I have a Pinal County Health Permit:

Great! We ask that you submit a copy of your valid permit to our office at least 72hrs in advance of setting up your booth. Pinal County does not require you to submit their temporary event booth application as you are permitted to attend all events via your current mobile food permit with them.

I have a permit in another AZ County:

You are required to obtain a Mobile Food Unit Permit from Pinal County to attend events in Pinal County
Effective August 3, 2018 a new law went into effect regarding mobile food permits. This should expedite the process through which a mobile food unit with a permit from another Arizona County (where their commissary is located) may obtain a Pinal County Permit.

A Pinal County mobile food permit is required prior to operating a mobile food establishment in Pinal County. To become permitted, you will need to submit the following to the Pinal County Environmental Health Services:

1. Permit Application
2. Copy of Mobile Food Permit from the home County where the commissary is located.
3. Copy of Commissary Agreement from the home County where the commissary is located.
4. Annual Permit fee - \$29.00

Permit Applications

<http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/EnvironmentalHealth/Documents/PermitApplication.pdf>

Online Payments

<http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/EnvironmentalHealth/Pages/OnlinePayments.aspx>

No, I do not have a Pinal County Health Permit AND do not have a permit in another AZ County:

If you operate outside of the State of Arizona, or do not have a health permit, and wish to

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participate at a Pinal Fairgrounds & Event Center event, you must submit a Temporary Food Booth Application to our office by the specified due date. Due dates can be found on our Vendor webpage and will be included in your contract once approved.

Temporary Food Booth Permit Application

<http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/environmentalhealth/documents/permitapplication-temporaryfoodbooth.pdf>

If you would like to apply for an annual Pinal County Mobile Food Permit, please contact them directly for more information.

CDC Recommended Event Guidance

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, The Pinal County Environmental Health Department will look to see that [CDC Recommended Event Guidance](#) is considered with respect to food service operations. A summary of that information is listed below.

- **Food Service**

- Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that handling food or eating is associated with directly spreading COVID-19. However, people sharing utensils and congregating around food service areas can pose a risk. Limit food or beverage service in areas in which people are more likely to congregate as that may encourage unmasked interactions.
- If the event includes food service, refer to CDC's COVID-19 considerations for [restaurants and bars](#).
- Use touchless payment options as much as possible, if available.
- Ask customers and staff to exchange cash or card payments by placing them on a receipt tray or on the counter rather than by hand to avoid direct hand-to-hand contact.
- [Clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces such as pens, counters, or hard surfaces between use and encourage patrons to use their own pens.
- Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that people remain at least 6 feet apart when waiting in line to order or pick up.
- If a cafeteria or group dining room is used, serve individually plated meals or grab-and-go options, and hold activities in separate areas.
- Use disposable food service items including utensils and dishes. If disposable items are not feasible or desirable, ensure that all non-disposable food service

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items are handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher.

- People should [wash their hands](#) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after removing their gloves or after directly handling used food service items.
- Avoid offering any self-serve food or drink options, such as buffets, salad bars, and drink stations. Consider having pre-packaged boxes or bags for each attendee.
- **Shared Objects**
 - Discourage people from sharing items that are difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect.
 - Limit any sharing of food, tools, equipment, or supplies by staff members.
 - Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials to the extent possible; otherwise, limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of staff members or attendees at a time, and [clean and disinfect](#) them between use.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us as soon as possible at 520-723-7881 or at rentals@pinalfairgrounds.com