

COVID-19 Advice to Food Businesses Awaiting Inspection

Information for food business operators that have recently registered their food business with the local authority and are waiting for a food hygiene inspection.

Due to the current situation surrounding Covid-19 we are unable to advise when a food hygiene visit is likely to be carried out. However, if you are intending to commence your operation, then you must make sure that the following are all in place:

Food hygiene training

Food handlers must receive food hygiene instruction and training which is appropriate for their roles. There are a number of local training providers that offer suitable food hygiene training courses. We also provide food hygiene training – information on courses that we offer can be found on our [website](#).

Documented food safety management system

Food businesses are required to devise and implement a documented food safety management system. This requirement can be met by completing the Food Standards Agency's Safer Food Better Business (SFBB) pack. Packs are available to download for both [caterers](#) and [retailers](#), and supplements are available for childminders, care homes and ethnic cuisines – you should use the pack which is best suited to your business.

General advice

The Food Standards Agency provides a wide range of advice on their website which is aimed at new and existing businesses. Information which may be relevant to you include:

[E. coli 0157: control of cross contamination guidance Starting Up leaflet](#)
[Food Hygiene: A Guide for Businesses](#) [Food Hygiene is good for Business](#) [Allergen advice](#)

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Executive website contains detailed information on many aspects of health and safety which you should consider as follows:

- [Getting started](#)
- [Information for the catering and hospitality industry Risk assessments](#)
- [Slips, trips and falls Hazardous substances Work equipment Manual handling](#)
- [Portable electrical equipment](#)
- [Gas safety](#)

General

- You should check that planning consent has been granted before you commence trading. Further information is available on the [HDC planning website](#).
- General information on setting up a new business and helping it grow can be found on the [Invest Huntingdonshire website](#) and <http://signpost2grow.co.uk/> .