**Ontario Regulations**
The Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) are published by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care under the authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) to specify the mandatory health programs and services provided by boards of health. Protocols identify the minimum expectations for public health programs and services.

Public Health Officers inspect food premises and provide all the components of the Food Safety Program within food premises as defined by the Health Protection and Promotion Act and in accordance with the Food Premises Regulation (O. Reg. 562); the *Food Safety Protocol, 2008* (or as current); and all other applicable Acts.

Where instances of non-compliance with the *HPPA* and related regulations are identified, Public Health Inspectors and Medical Officers of Health may issue orders to ensure corrective actions, either immediately or within a specified timeframe. These may include the removal or destruction of an unwholesome product or the closure of a food premises until deficiencies have been addressed. Public Health Inspectors have been designated as Provincial Offences Officers for the purposes of enforcing the *HPPA* and can initiate charges under the *Provincial Offences Act* by issuing a summons or ticket stipulating a fixed fine.

Within this framework there is no provincial compliance and enforcement policy. Local Health Units are required to establish their own policies and procedures for noncompliance.

**Regional Governance**

Regional Boards of Health, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC), Health Canada and the CFIA have the most influence on the operation of foodservice and food retail operations in Ontario. They provide interpretation and enforcement of the health regulations. Local Health Units are the government departments that enforce health regulations. They inspect food operations to make sure they are following the regulations properly.

Frequency of inspections is based on a site-specific risk assessment of each food premises in accordance with the following minimum schedule:

i) Not less than once every four months for high-risk food premises;

ii) Not less than once every six months for moderate-risk food premises; and

iii) Not less than once every 12 months for low-risk food premises.
Food Safety Training

Currently in Ontario there is no provincial food safety training requirement. The following regions have imposed a food handler certification requirement:

**Brant County Health Unit**: Requires that managers of food establishments be certified in an accredited food safety program.

**City of Hamilton – Public Health and Social Services**: Requires that one supervisory person per shift be certified in an accredited food safety program. Food handlers must be able to present certification documents as requested.

**County of Lambton**: Requires that one supervisory person per shift be certified in an accredited food safety program. Food handlers must be able to present certification documents as requested.

**Halton Region**: Requires that one food handler who is certified in an accredited program is working during all hours of operation. Food handlers must be able to present certification documents as requested.

**Middlesex-London Health Unit**: Requires that one supervisory person per shift be certified in an accredited food safety program. Food handlers must be able to present certification documents as requested.

**Niagara Region Public Health Department**: Requires that one supervisory person per shift be certified in an accredited food safety program. Additionally food handlers must be prepared to show photo ID along with certification documents as requested.

**Peterborough County-City Health Unit**: Requires that one supervisory person per shift be certified in an accredited food safety program. Additionally, food handlers must be prepared to show photo ID along with certification documents as requested.

**Toronto Public Health**: Requires that during operating hours one supervisory person in each department where food is prepared, processed, served, packaged or stored be certified in an accredited food safety program. Additionally, all certified food handlers must carry a City of Toronto photo ID card and be prepared to show it, along with certification documents, at time of inspection. Certification must be renewed every five years.
For more information contact:

Call the ministry INFOline at 1-866-532-3161
(Toll-free in Ontario only)
TTY 1-800-387-5559
Hours of operation: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Or contact your local health unit:

Algoma Public Health  
www.algomapublichealth.com

Brant County  
www.bchu.org

Chatham-Kent  
www.chatham-kent.ca

Durham Region  
www.durham.ca

Eastern Ontario Health  
www.eohu.ca

Elgin St. Thomas  
www.elginhealth.on.ca

Grey Bruce  
www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/FoodSafety/

Haldimand-Norfolk  
www.hhu.org

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District  
www.hkpr.on.ca

Halton Region  
www.halton.ca

Hamilton  
www.hamilton.ca

Hastings and Prince Edward Counties  
www.hpechu.on.ca

Huron County  
www.huroncounty.ca/health/

Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington  
www.kflapublichealth.ca

Lambton County  
www.lambtonhealth.on.ca

Middlesex-London  
www.healthunit.com/environment-food-safety

Niagara Region  
www.niagararegion.ca

North Bay Parry Sound  
www.healthunit.biz

Northwestern Health Unit  
www.nwhu.on.ca

Ottawa  
www.ottawa.ca

Oxford County  
www.healthinspectxord.ca
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