

Vendors and organizations preparing and selling food may be required to have a temporary or permanent food license and Serv Safe certification. Please review the email below from Melissa Vaccaro, Program Specialist, PA Department of Agriculture. For more information about licensing and/ or food preparation guidelines, policies and regulations, please contact Melissa Vaccaro by email at mvaccaro@state.pa.us or visit the PA Department of Agriculture website at www.agriculture.state.pa.us.

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Subject: RE: Food Vendor Licensing for Community Event

If a vendor is having a one time event that is three days or less, then they would not require licensing, however, inspections could occur. Easton is in a local health department area, so if Easton City Health decides to inspect, they could. If the event is outside of Easton proper, then we would have jurisdiction. We don't look at the 'Event'...we look at a 'vendor' or "food facility"...what is the vendor doing, how often, are THEY selling more than three days, etc....

Because your Event is 2 days, as a coordinator of the event, you would not need to worry about asking vendors for their food licenses, unless of course YOU want to make that a requirement of being part of the event.

If vendors are exempt from licensing, they are also exempt from Food Employee Certification (serv safe and similar classes). Additionally, all non-profits are exempt from Food Employee Certification.

Hope this helps!

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