

Guidelines for Food Sampling activities exempt from Temporary Food Establishment Licensing

Sampling of free, bite-sized portions of any food item will not require licensing as long as the following are met:

- Food is obtained from an approved source.
- Sample should be bite-sized portions.
- Samples are free – no samples are being sold.
- Samples are safely dispensed to the public.

All samples must be dispensed individually in disposable containers, on single service napkins, or served with disposable utensils.

- Food is kept at proper temperature or Time as a Public Health Control is used.
- No bare hand contact with the food is allowed. Gloves or utensils are required to be used.
- A temporary hand washing station should be set-up.
- A wash, rinse, sanitizing station should be set up if utensils used to prep or portion samples will need to be washed onsite.

Please note that a temporary food license may be required for packaged, time/temperature control for safety foods or unpackaged foods that are being sold along with the sampling activities.