

The Environmental Health Division is now approved by the Ohio Department of Health to provide a Level One Certification in Food Protection. The new level one certification is a mandated training for the person in charge per shift of a risk level I, II, III, and IV food service operation or retail food establishment in the following instances:

- When a new food service operation or a new retail food establishment is licensed after March 1, 2010 unless the individual has successfully completed an equivalent or more comprehensive certification in food protection course.
- When a food service operation or retail food establishment has been implicated in a foodborne disease outbreak.
- When the licensor has documented a failure to maintain sanitary conditions as per section 3717.29 of the Revised Code for a retail food establishment or section 3717.49 of the Revised Code for a food service operation.

The next level one training will be held on April 12, 2010 at the Ross County Health District, 475 Western Avenue, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. For those who may be interested, contact our office at 740-775-1158 or email [eh@rosscountyhealth.com](mailto:eh@rosscountyhealth.com) .