



Your Greater Manchester Chamber is excited to bring back Taco Tour Manchester in 2025! The event will take place from **4pm to 8pm on May 8th, 2025**. 30,000+ people attend Taco Tour annually and Elm Street will be packed with people from all over New England and beyond wanting to sample your food! Participating in Taco Tour puts you on the map and is a perfect chance to introduce yourself to thousands of potential new customers and support the Downtown Manchester community.

Stats from 2024:

- The Taco Tour map was viewed over 70,000 times online
- TV coverage on WMUR Chronicle, CBS Boston, and CBS national streaming
- 3 out of 4 attendees visited a restaurant for the first time during the event
- 4 out of 5 attendees stated they planned to come back to Downtown Manchester soon after the event

How do I participate?

The main ingredients needed to participate in Taco Tour Manchester:

- 1.** Design a unique \$3 taco that will showcase your culinary flare (description will be needed as part of application)
- 2.** Complete the signup sheet in this packet
- 3.** Review and complete the Temporary Food Permit Application, included in this packet. The Chamber will collect all Health forms and bring them directly to the Health Department. Please do not send forms directly to the Health Department.
- 4. Return all forms directly to the Chamber at 54 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH 03101.** We will then add you to the map and return your forms to the Health Department
- 5.** Be set up and ready to be inspected to serve tacos by 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 8th
- 6. All applications and Temporary Health Permits are due by APRIL 4th, 2025**

What Do I Need to Know?

- There is **no cost for you to participate**, the Chamber is covering Health Department permitting fees for participating restaurants with the support of our sponsors.
- **You will sell a lot of \$3 tacos!**
Restaurants are asked to serve a minimum of 1,000 tacos to be included in this event. Most vendors sell as many tacos as they are able to make, most restaurants last year **reported selling between 1,000 and 2,000 tacos** during the event. If you have any questions about this, please let us know!
- The event will again be marketed as **“cash only”**. This is the easiest, fastest, and most reliable way to process customers and avoids transaction fees. Internet service has been unreliable at past Taco Tours, resulting in problems with processing card payments.
- We will have **volunteers assisting with lines** and making sure they are structured. The “End of the Line” signs distributed by the Chamber should be used by those standing in line to guide others to your tacos. Please keep an eye on your line to help ensure it is organized.
- Due to the large number of people anticipated to attend, **Elm Street will be closed from Granite Street to Bridge Street starting at 12pm**. Some additional side streets will be closed as well.
- The Chamber will supply a case of **1,000 paper food trays to** each participating restaurant who requests one. The trays will be smaller than ones used in the past.
- The Manchester Health Department encourages all taco assembly to happen in the kitchen of your establishment to ensure maximum food safety.
- The **voting for Best Taco** and Most Creative Taco will be by popular vote online. The winner of Best Taco will receive the Autofair Taco Trophy and **\$1,000** to donate to a non-profit of their choice. The more tacos you serve, the more likely you are to win! QR codes to vote will be included on all posters for the event.
- **Alcohol sold must be consumed within your premises. Do not let any patrons leave with drinks.** Authorities will be onsite enforcing the law and have shut down vendors letting patrons walk away with alcoholic drinks in the past.

What else should I know?

- We ask our participating restaurants to be respectful of the cultural significance of Cinco De Mayo and tacos to the Mexican-American community. If you need some tips on how to celebrate respectfully, visit our website tacotourmanchester.com/info.
- We will have the city's **bandstand on Elm Street** near the intersection of Bridge and Elm Street and will have live music there thanks to **92.5 The River**.
- **If you are planning to have live music or a DJ, please let us know in advance to ensure it does not interfere with the concert stage, a community group performance, or the plans of other restaurants.** We'd also love to highlight local musicians who will be playing at the event, so have them fill out the performer information form.
- **Inflatables and animal performances of any kind are not permitted** due to insurance and safety concerns. Not sure if something is allowed? Just ask!
- **Vehicles parked within the event grounds will be towed at the owners expense.**
- We will be hosting a **VIP tour raffle** where raffle winners and online influencers will be taken on an exclusive tour of Taco Tour Manchester. **If you would like to be a stop on the VIP tour, let us know!**
- Fellow restaurant owners are happy to chat about the event and help you game plan for the big day! We are happy to connect you with someone who can help you out!

How can I help promote Taco Tour Manchester?

- **Share the website:** TacoTourManchester.com which was designed by Ethos & Able Creative
- **Hang up posters** for the Taco Tour in your establishment. Posters will be provided about a month before the event.
- Share the Taco Tour Manchester 2025 Facebook Event Page!
To avoid confusion, please do NOT create your own taco tour event page

What if I have more questions?

Give us a call or send us an email!

Contact Information:

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Tacotourmanchester@gmail.com



TACO TOUR MANCHESTER

THURSDAY, MAY 8TH 2025

SIGN-UP FORM



Please fill out this application and drop-off or email the completed form to the Greater Manchester Chamber by Friday, April 4th along with a completed Temporary Health Permit form.

You can submit this application via the following:

Email: TacoTourManchester@gmail.com

In-Person: Greater Manchester Chamber, 54 Hanover Street

Your Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Best Way to Reach You? Call Text E-mail

What kind of taco are you serving? (Give a brief description):

Will your taco apply to any of the following dietary restrictions?

Vegan Vegetarian Gluten Free Other

Check the box to confirm you will be selling your tacos for \$3

Check the box to confirm you are able to prepare a minimum 1,000 tacos

(Vendors report serving between 1,000 and 2,500 at the event)

Will you be assembling tacos inside or outside your restaurant?

(See diagram on next page) Inside Outside

Would you like a free case of 1,000 paper food trays? Yes No

You are a Downtown Restaurant Food Truck Mobile Vendor

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 4th!

Applications do not guarantee participation in the event

We look forward to working with you to make

Taco Tour Manchester 2025 the best one yet! Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

Email: TacoTourManchester@gmail.com | Phone: 603-792-4107

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please work with our Preferred Partners as the event gets closer. Their sponsorship of the event helps cover the \$50,000+ in costs paid by the Chamber to host this event. We are a nonprofit and fundraise throughout the year in order to be able to host this event and are thankful for their support!

PREFERRED PARTNERS



ROAMING FOODIE RECOVERY FUND

Please consider donating to Joey Calcavecchia's recovery fund. Known as The Roaming Foodie, Joey has been a huge supporter of Taco Tour Manchester & local restaurants and was in a severe car accident last year. He is still in recovery, and funds will help with ongoing medical expenses and support.

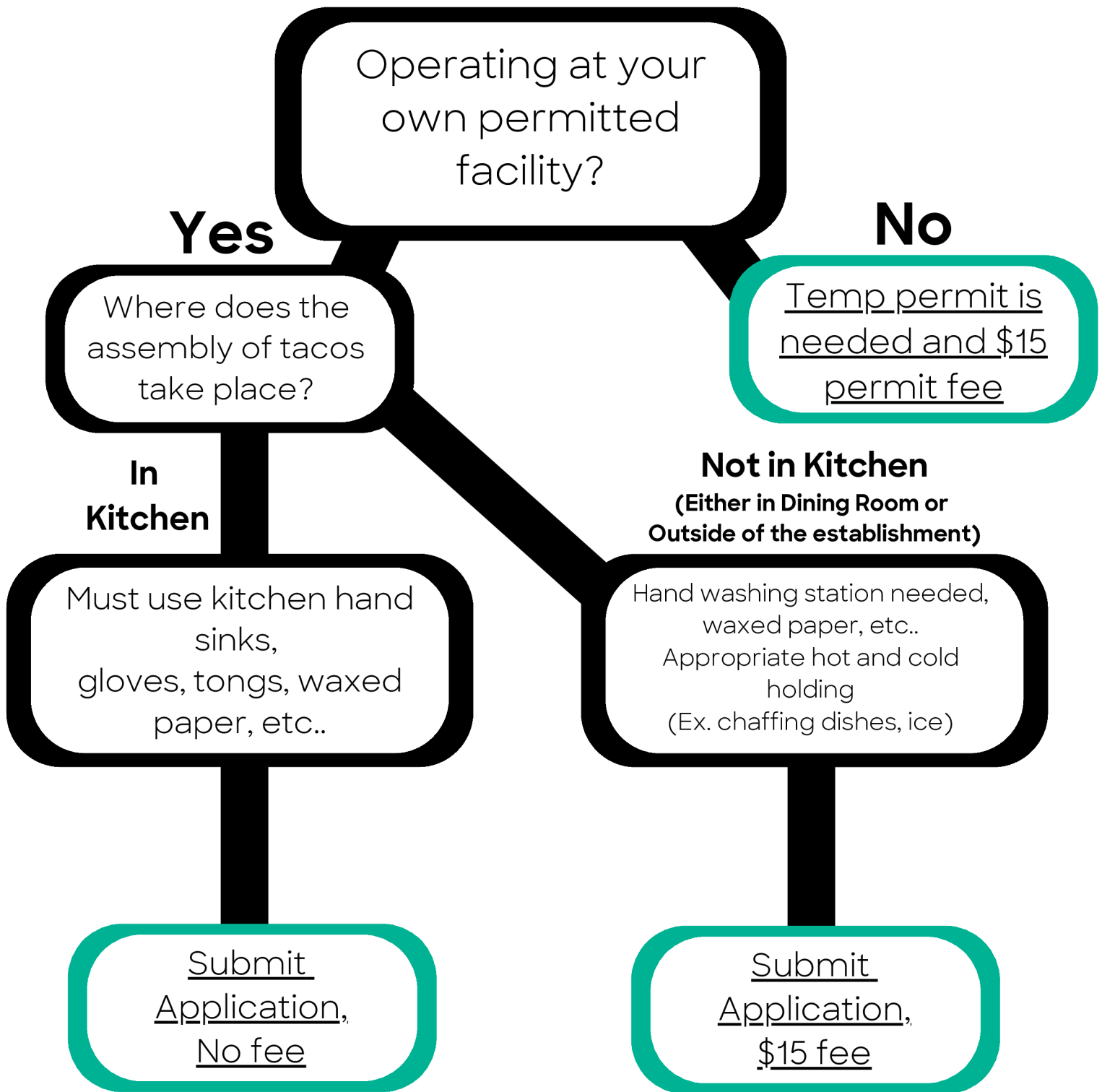


PERFORMER INFORMATION FORM

If a musician, group, or DJ is planning to perform at your establishment during the event, please let us know! Additionally, have them fill out this form so they can be highlighted on our website and social media



2025 TACO TOUR PERMITTING STRUCTURE



***Note: It is STRONGLY SUGGESTED that all tacos are prepared in the licensed kitchen, are prewrapped and are hot/cold held for service to expedite inspection and service**





Manchester Health Department
1528 Elm Street
Manchester NH 03101
Tel: (603) 624-6466, Fax: (603) 628-6004

TEMPORARY FOOD PERMIT APPLICANTS

Enclosed are the requirements and an application for a permit to operate a temporary food establishment in the City of Manchester, New Hampshire.

Unless you have a valid Manchester Health Department permit to operate as a mobile food vendor, you must file an application for a temporary permit. A permit to operate a food establishment, such as a restaurant, does not allow you to operate a temporary food establishment without prior approval.

****Please Note:** All applicants are required to contact the City Clerk's office for a peddler's license and possible Special Event Permit 603-624-6455. Contact Parks & Rec 603-624-6565 and Fire Prevention 603-624-6507 for applicable approval and permitting.

The Manchester Health Department has the responsibility to ensure that all foods provided to the public in Manchester are from safe and approved sources. The Health Department cannot issue a permit until this can be verified. Establishments which are not in compliance with the NH Sanitary Food Code (or equivalent code if out of state) will not be issued a permit in the City of Manchester. Operation of a food establishment in Manchester, be it temporary or otherwise, without a permit is in violation of City Ordinance.

To ensure that the Health Department has a sufficient period of time to process an application, all applications with applicable fees shall be submitted at least **14 days prior** to the planned event. Applications submitted without payment **will not be processed**. If a complete application with applicable fee is not submitted 14 days prior to the event, a Health Department permit may not be issued and the establishment may not be able to operate at the requested event.

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN ADVANCE **IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE YOUR EVENT** VIA THE FOOD PROTECTION EMAIL (food@manchesternh.gov). Failure to do so may prevent you from obtaining a temporary food license in the future.

Please note that all applicants must include:

1. A completed temporary food service application form. (Both sides)
2. Applicable fees.
3. Applicable process review documentation verifying products are shelf-stable (self-made bottled sauces, salsas, infused oils, nut butters etc.)

IF COMING FROM OUTSIDE MANCHESTER AND DOING ANY FOOD PREPARATION PRIOR TO THE EVENT:

1. A copy of your current state or local food permit.
2. A copy of your most current (within 6 months) inspection report.

IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY LICENSED BY A STATE OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND DOING ANY FOOD PREPARATION PRIOR TO THE EVENT:

1. A copy of the commissary's current state or local food permit.
2. A copy of the commissary's most current (within 6 months) inspection report.



Permit # _____ District: _____ Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Amt. Pd: _____ Check No: _____ Date: _____

Manchester Health Department
1528 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03101
Tel: (603) 624-6466 Fax: (603) 628-6004

TEMPORARY FOOD PERMIT APPLICATION

Please submit **application and fee** to the Health Department **at least 14 days prior** to the event.
Late and Incomplete applications may lead to delayed approval or denial of permit

Please print

1. **Event Name:** _____ **Event Address:** _____

Date/time of Event: _____ **Time of FOOD set-up:** _____ **Date/time event ends:** _____

2. Applicant's (Vendor/Business) Name: _____

3. Applicant's Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

4. **Person(s) In charge at food service site:** _____ **Tel:** _____

5. Location of advanced preparation: _____
(Must be a licensed food service establishment)

6. Date advanced preparation begins: _____

PLEASE FILL IN THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM WITH FOOD ITEMS TO BE SERVED AT THE EVENT

7. **DESCRIBE ON-SITE FOOD SERVICE AREA (FSA) SETUP:**

Event is Indoors/Outdoors: _____ Cold holding equipment: _____ Cooking equipment: _____

Hot holding equipment: _____ Reheating equipment: _____

8. Describe equipment and means of transporting hot and cold food: _____
What is length of time in transport? _____ How is food to be kept hot or cold during transport? _____

9. Stem-type (0-220° F) Food thermometer available? () Yes () No

10. Handwashing facilities: () gravity flow container; location : _____

11. Food-Grade Sanitizing Solution: () bleach water or () other _____

12. Garbage Disposal: () cans or () dumpster

13. Method of avoiding bare hand contact of ready to eat foods: (please check the following):
Gloves ____ tongs ____ wax paper ____ other (describe) _____

CLASSIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT/ PERMIT FEE

() Class IV Temporary Food Service Establishment\$15.00 per day

() Class V Non-profit organizations not holding a liquor permit and not serving meals on a daily basis; public and parochial schools and institutions; and government facilities**No Fee - Non-Profit Tax ID#:** _____

Number of consecutive days of operation: _____ **Total Amount Due: \$** _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please List	Please State Yes/No	Please State Yes/No	Please Describe	Please State Hot/Cold	Please State Hot/Cold
Food Item/s (list all)	Off Site Prep	On Site Prep	Onsite Cooking Procedures/equipment	Holding	Serving
<i>Example: BBQ Chicken</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Grill & chafing dishes</i>	<i>Hot</i>	<i>Hot</i>

Sampling techniques (please include details): _____

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	In	Out	N/O
Critical (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	In	Out	N/O
Critical (12)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (22)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (27)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (28)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (30)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	In	Out	N/O
Critical (31)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (35)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical (41)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Comments/Violations:

Please keep the remainder of this packet as a resource guide. Please complete the pre-inspection form and provide to the inspector on site at the event.

**Have additional questions?
Call the Health Department
at 603-624-6466 or email
food@manchesternh.gov**

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How to prepare and use sanitizers

Either regular (must be unscented and not “splash-less” or “no/low splash”) bleach or quaternary ammonium (in liquid or tablet form) may be used to sanitize your food service equipment and preparation surfaces. Additional food grade sanitizers may be used and must be verified with the Manchester Health Department using EPA registration number

For quaternary ammonium, always follow the manufacturer’s directions on the bottle/container in order to obtain the proper concentration. Most often concentration is 150-400ppm. Sanitizer solution must be maintained at 75°F or above

A bleach and water solution for sanitizing food preparation surfaces and equipment shall be in the range of 50-100 ppm chlorine and maintained at 75°F or above

It is important to note that the bleach-to-water ratio will change depending on the strength of the chlorine. How to determine the strength of chlorine:

Read the fine print on the label. The active ingredient on the label will be listed first and will look as such—this example shows a chlorine strength of 8.25%:

Active Ingredients:

Sodium Hypochlorite.....8.25%
 Other ingredients.....91.75%
 Total.....100%

Water	Bleach Strength 2.75%	Bleach Strength 5.25-6.25%	Bleach Strength 8.25%
1 Gallon	1 Tablespoon	2 teaspoons	1 teaspoon
1 Quart	1 teaspoon	½ teaspoon	¼ teaspoon

These ratios should provide a 100ppm chlorine concentration

Steps to follow:

- Clean the surface with soap and water before sanitizing
- Rinse with clean water
- Submerge in sanitizer solution for at least 30 seconds
- Air dry equipment fully – do not wipe dry

Be sure to label all spray bottles and sanitizer buckets with proper contents

Promptly return wiping cloths to sanitizer bucket after use

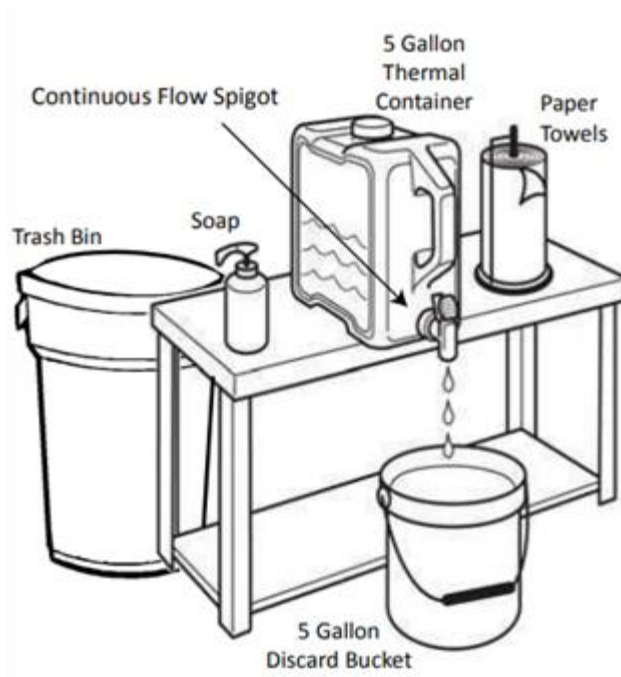
Helpful hint: If making a spray bottle of sanitizer, it may be easier to make a large batch of the sanitizer at the proper concentration and then fill the spray bottle, rather than try and make it in the bottle itself

How to use test strips

- Make sure the test strip is appropriate for the type of sanitizer and that the test strips are not expired
- Prepare the sanitizer solution
- Follow test strip directions for exposure time
- Compare the strip change to the guide on the strip packaging to determine concentration of the solution
- Make sure to change gloves and wash hands after handling chemicals (sanitizer)

Check the concentration frequently using the test strips. The solution will need to be changed periodically - especially if it becomes dirty with food or other debris - and to maintain proper sanitizer temperature (at 75oF or above). Always make and use the sanitizer solution according to the manufacturer’s guidelines

Temporary Hand Washing Set-up



WASH HANDS:

BEFORE:

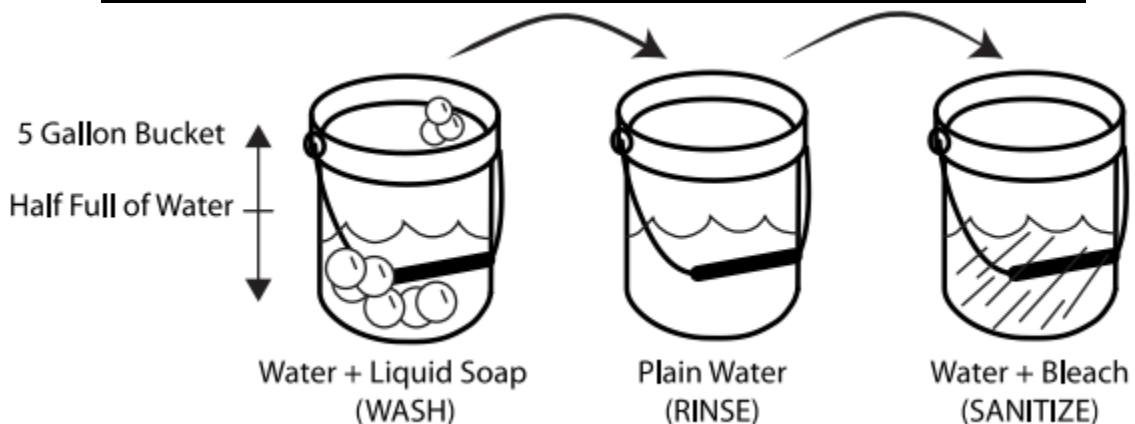
- Starting to work/prepare food
- Handling Ready-to-eat food

AFTER:

- Using the restroom
- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Touching face, hair or clothing
- Touching raw food
- Eating or drinking
- Emptying/handling garbage
- Smoking
- Handling money
- Any chance of contamination

Provide warm water for handwashing (minimum of 100°F). Ensure that a waste water container is provided and that all waste water is disposed if in the sanitary sewer – not down a storm drain or on the ground.

Example of Utensil Washing Set-up



Temporary Event Food Service Area (FSA) Pre-inspection/Self Inspection Form

Please complete this form **before you begin prepare or serve food to the public**, and have it available to show the event sponsor and the Environmental Health Inspector

Initial when completed

<p>1. Ensure that all employees/volunteers who are experiencing any of the following symptoms are excluded from food preparation and service:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nausea <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Fever <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Jaundice</p> <p>Employees/volunteers who are diagnosed with a communicable illness (such as E. coli, Salmonella, Shigella, Hepatitis A, etc.) must also be excluded from food preparation and service</p>	1. _____
<p>2. All prepared foods must be prepared on-site or in a licensed food service establishment. All potentially hazardous foods that have been pre-cooked in advance must be properly cooled and reheated prior to service.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prepared potentially hazardous foods were cooled from 140°F or above to 70°F within 2 hours and to 41°F or below within an additional 4 hours</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prepared potentially hazardous foods are reheated to at least 165°F within 2 hours</p>	2. _____
<p>3. Hand-wash station has been set up and is ready to use:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insulated container of warm water with a continuous flow spigot (can be turned on without having to hold it on)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Catch bucket to collect the dirty water</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Liquid hand soap in a pump dispenser</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Single use paper towels in a dispenser</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that smoking and eating is not taking place in food storage and preparation areas. Hands must be washed after contamination</p>	3. _____
<p>4. Gloves or barriers to bare-hand contact with ready to eat foods are provided. Gloves must be changed once contaminated and hands must be washed prior to putting on new gloves</p>	4. _____
<p>5. Utensil wash station is set up and ready to use:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bucket with hot soapy water for washing of utensils</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bucket with plain water to use for rinsing of utensils</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bucket with food grade sanitizer made at the proper concentration (see handout)</p>	5. _____
<p>6. Tasks are delegated by the person in charge to ensure:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prevention of cross contamination, no bare hand contact with ready to eat foods</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food Service Area (FSA) is maintained in a clean and sanitary manner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Operational corrections are made as necessary</p>	6. _____
<p>7. All food preparation is done inside the FSA with access to the hand washing set up</p>	7. _____
<p>8. If using a grill or fryer, it must be outside of the FSA and not underneath a tent – unless using an approved fire-rated tent (please confirm with Manchester Fire Prevention 603-624-6507)</p>	8. _____

9. I have a calibrated food thermometer available in the booth to measure food temperatures (final cooking, hot and cold holding temperatures)	9._____
10. All cold foods are submerged in ice to level of product and are maintained at 41°F or below at all times (including times of transport)	10._____
11. All hot foods are: <input type="checkbox"/> Served directly to the customer, <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hot held at or above 140°F degrees or above at all times <input type="checkbox"/> All leftovers must be discarded at the end of the day and may not be reused	11._____
12. All open food is protected from overhead contamination, as well as from customer coughing or sneezing. Food and food service items are stored at least 6 inches above the ground	12._____
13. Trash containers are available inside of the booth	13._____
14. Self-service condiments are: <input type="checkbox"/> In containers with a hinged lid, <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> In squeeze bottles, <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> In individual single-service packets	14._____
15. I know the location of the on-site clean water supply and where to dispose of my dirty water and/or cooking oil at the end of the event. Location:_____	15._____
16. Health Permit is prominently displayed in public view (once issued)	16._____

Name of the person in charge of the booth: _____
(There must be someone designated to be in charge of food safety management and must be present at all times)