

# Essentials of Proper Sample Distribution

**\*\*This document provides guidance on offering food samples to the public\*\***

## No license required



No license will be required to offer samples if all of the following are met:

- Only non-potentially hazardous foods are offered
- Samples are prepackaged and sealed
- Samples were packaged at a licensed facility



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A license will be required to offer samples for either of the following:

- Food is potentially hazardous
- Food is unpackaged

Requirements:

- All food must be prepared on site or in a licensed facility
- A hand washing sink must be provided for each vendor
- Hair restraints must be worn
- Bare hand contact is not permitted-gloves, tongs, or an acceptable barrier must be provided
- A common bowl for consumer self-service is prohibited

Samples must be distributed by:

- Squeeze bottle
- Shaker container
- Single-service articles such as a paper plate, deli tissue, soufflé cup, toothpick, etc.

Pre-portioned samples must be covered by a sneeze guard or lid, unless under immediate and constant supervision

If food is potentially hazardous, proof of Food Employee Certification may be required



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