



SAVE THE DATE!

CDPH Pre-Standardization Fall Conferences

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Food and Drug Branch (FDB) has a responsibility to ensure the uniform interpretation and application of the California Retail Food Code (CRFC) in regulatory retail food inspections among local health agencies. CDPH and local food safety programs have the common goal of foodborne illness prevention. To reach that goal, CDPH created the CDPH Standardization process for retail food inspection personnel, which aims to strengthen the food safety knowledge and skills of regulatory personnel related to the CRFC provisions. Through the CDPH Standardization process, participants will be able to recognize Foodborne Illness Risk Factors, CRFC Interventions, and Good Retail Practices (GRPs) to ensure that retail food items are safe, unadulterated, and honestly presented throughout the State of California.

The CDPH Standardization process consists of two parts, the in-person Pre-Standardization Conference and the field Initial Standardization. The Pre-Standardization Conference comes at no cost and is intended for State Standard Candidates and Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) who are active retail food inspectors, working in local retail food protection programs. Priority registration will be given to State Standard Candidates. Each Conference is three days long and consists of interactive presentations and classroom activities, focusing on topics such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP), Foodborne Illness Risk Factors, Active Managerial Control, etc. More information regarding the field Initial Standardization will be provided during the conference.

Further information regarding pre-registration for the conferences will be provided in May 2024. A certificate of completion and REHS Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided to registered participants after successful completion of the conference.

For additional information, please contact FDBRetail@cdph.ca.gov.



CDPH Pre-Standardization Fall Conference Schedule

Location	Date / Time
Shasta County Environmental Health McConnell Foundation Meeting Room 800 Shasta View Dr. Redding, CA 96003	10/08/2024 – 10/10/2024 8:00am – 5:00pm
Fresno County Environmental Health Fresno County Dept. of Social Services Admin. Building 2 - Classroom 8 205 W. Pontiac Way Clovis, CA 93612	10/22/2024 – 10/24/2024 8:00am – 5:00pm

Note: Prospective participants must complete the required pre-requisite (“pre”) curriculum courses listed in *Standard 2: Trained Regulatory Staff, Appendix B-1* of the [FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards](#). The course certificates of completion must be submitted to FDBRetail@cdph.ca.gov no later than **two weeks prior** to attending your selected Pre-Standardization Conference. Failure to do so may impact your registration.