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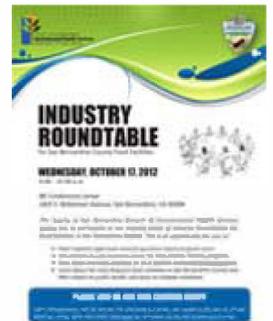


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## Industry Roundtable to Be Held October 17 for San Bernardino County Food Facilities

The Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) will hold the next Industry Roundtable for San Bernardino County food facilities on Wednesday October 17, 2012, from 9:00 – 10:30 AM at the IRC Conference Center (1425 S. Waterman Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92408).

The Industry Roundtable will be an opportunity for food facility representatives to meet regional supervisors, and get answers to questions about the Food Worker Training program. Attendees will also learn about the most frequent food violations in San Bernardino County, their impact on public health, and ways to mitigate violations. DEHS staff will talk about new tools available for food facilities and other Division updates. Click [here](#) to view the Industry Roundtable invitation.



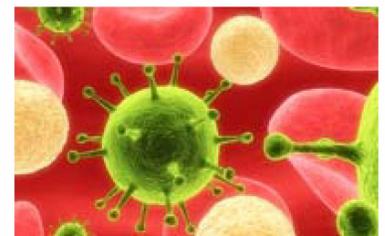
Food facility representatives interested in attending the Industry Roundtable can RSVP by calling 1-800 442-2283.

## New Spanish Language Social Media Sites Launched

DEHS has launched Facebook and Twitter pages en Español! All of the content posted on the English language social media sites will now also be posted in Spanish. The link for our Facebook page in Spanish is [www.facebook.com/sbehsEsp](http://www.facebook.com/sbehsEsp). The link for our Twitter page in Spanish is <https://twitter.com/sbehsEsp>.

## Norovirus: The Leading Cause of Foodborne Illness

Norovirus is the most common pathogen that causes foodborne illness in the United States. According to [CDC estimates](#), 21 million people become sick from Norovirus annually. Young children and older adults are particularly susceptible, with about 800 people dying of Norovirus each year. Norovirus is very contagious and can easily be transmitted to foods during preparation. It's important that food handlers always practice proper hand hygiene and not prepare food while they are sick.



Click [here](#) to view a Norovirus fact sheet designed for food handlers that will help you in your efforts to prevent foodborne illness.

## New Telephone Number for DEHS

We now have a new toll-free number for DEHS! It is 1-800-442-2283. You can reach all of our offices (Rancho Cucamonga, Hesperia, San Bernardino, and San Bernardino Mosquito & Vector Control) by calling our new number. This single number replaces all previous telephone numbers, which have now been inactivated. If you call an old number, you will only reach a message giving you our new 800 number.



## National Food Safety Month

September is National Food Safety Month! This is an annual observance promoted by [Foodsafety.gov](http://foodsafety.gov), the National Restaurant Association, and the USDA. This year's theme is "Be Safe, Don't Cross-Contaminate." Visit <http://foodsafetymonth.com> for more information.



DEHS will recognize National Food Safety Month through educational programs, public service announcements, social media outreach, and the distribution of foodborne illness prevention-themed materials.

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*If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amanda Gaspard, Health Education Specialist, at 800-442-2283 or [Amanda.Gaspard@dph.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Amanda.Gaspard@dph.sbcounty.gov).*

***We appreciate the effort you make to protect the public's health in our County.***