

# FoodWise



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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). [Click here](#) to view the Industry Roundtable invitation.

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 critical food violations in San Bernardino County, their impact on public health, and ways to mitigate those violations. DEHS staff will talk about new tools available for food facilities and other Division updates. There will be a Q&A session with DEHS staff so food facilities can get answers about program areas, inspection reports, and more.

Food facility representatives interested in attending the Industry Roundtable can RSVP by [clicking here](#) or by calling 1-800-442-2283.



## Low-Cost Flu Clinics to Be Held County-Wide; Food Handlers Encouraged to Be Vaccinated

A seasonal flu vaccine is recommended every year to help protect you, your family, and our community from the flu. The flu is easily spread from one person to another. Food handlers are especially encouraged to be immunized so they do not spread the flu to coworkers or restaurant customers. The County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health will sponsor low-cost seasonal flu clinics throughout the county from late September until late October. Please [click here](#) for the schedule of flu clinics. The cost is \$10, but if you cannot pay, you won't be turned away.



## AB 1616 Cottage Food Operations

Assembly Bill (AB) 1616 Cottage Food Operations was signed on September 21, 2012, with an effective date of January 1, 2013. [Click here](#) to view the assembly bill in its entirety. The Division of Environmental Health Services is in the process of developing a program that addresses all the requirements within AB 1616.



## Free Environmental Health Alerts

DEHS recently created a new email bulletin to notify operators and the general public about events or incidents of environmental health significance. Anyone can sign up to receive these email alerts for free. In an effort not to overload your email inbox, we will be using this email bulletin only as necessary. Examples

of alerts you might receive from us include news about foodborne illness outbreaks, boil water notices, food safety guidance after an earthquake or other disaster, West Nile Virus surveillance updates, etc. As a courtesy, we have signed up *FoodWise* subscribers to receive these email alerts. You will receive a confirmation email that you have been subscribed to the new bulletin. If you do not wish to receive alerts in the future, please click on the "Manage Preferences" link in the confirmation email.

If you have coworkers, staff, friends or family members who would be interested in receiving environmental health alerts from DEHS, they can subscribe by [clicking here](#).

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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).*

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protect the public's health in our County.***