Q: What is the status of the IDPH food handler training requirement and how does this affect LTC facilities?

A: As we have reported in several past newsletters, **All food handlers** employed by a food service establishment that is not a restaurant (LTC facilities fall under this category), other than someone holding a food service sanitation manager certificate, shall receive or obtain training in basic food handling principles, as outlined in Section 750.3410, **by July 1, 2016**. From July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, enforcement of the provisions of this Section shall be limited to education and notification of the requirements to encourage compliance.” Subpart M of the IDPH Food Service Sanitation Code ([http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07700750sections.html](http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07700750sections.html)) contains all the requirements (including training requirements) for food handlers. The Department (IDPH) has also developed a Food Handler Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document ([click here](http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07700750sections.html)) that is very helpful. Contact us with any questions.