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## TLCHD Requesting Food Vendor Cooperation Regarding Temporary Licenses

With the official start of the summer season upon us and festival season in full swing, the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department would like to remind food operators that they must obtain a license to sell food.

If a food operator isn't already licensed and plans to operate at a scheduled event, a Temporary Food Service Operations license must be applied for at least ten (10) days before the start of the event.

Once a food service operation license is granted from the Health Department, it must be displayed at the licensed location all times.

If a food establishment is operating at an event without a license, they will be advised to stop operations and leave the event immediately. Temporary licenses will not be issued on-site during an event.

The licensing process is in place to follow the Ohio Food Code, allowing food operators to safely prepare and serve their food. The temporary license application, along with instructions can be found on the health department's website.

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