



# COMAL COUNTY

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### **Extension Office provides food-handler certification classes**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — In response to changes in state law, the Comal County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is offering food-handler certification classes for those working with food on a commercial basis.

The class will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Extension Office meeting room, 325 Resource Drive, New Braunfels. Registration cost is \$20.

As of Sept. 16, the Texas Department of State Health Services will require all food-service employees to complete an accredited food-handlers training program within 60 days of employment. The certificate provided at the end of the Extension Office program will be good for two years.

“This course provides a basic overview of food-safety practices and helps attendees ensure they serve safe food at their establishments,” said Connie Sheppard, extension agent for family and consumer sciences at the county’s Extension Office. “Along with fulfilling state requirements, it helps keep Comal County residents safe and healthy – and helps keep food establishments in business.”

Extension agents also are available to teach on-site classes to employees. Those wanting more information about food-handler certification classes should call 830-620-3440.

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