

MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATION (MHKO)



A MHKO IS A NEW TYPE OF FOOD FACILITY, LIKE A MINI RESTAURANT, OPERATED IN A PRIVATE HOME



While a MHKO operates like a restaurant, the following limitations are placed on these businesses



ONLY 1 MHKO IS PERMITTED PER SITE. THE OPERATOR MUST BE THE RESIDENT OF THE PRIVATE HOME AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION.



ANY PERSON(S) INVOLVED WITH THE MHKO (EXCEPT FOR THE OPERATOR) MUST OBTAIN A FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION. ONLY ONE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE, NOT INCLUDING FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS, IS ALLOWED



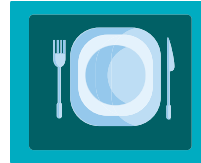
THE MHKO OPERATOR SHALL SUCCESSFULLY PASS AN APPROVED AND ACCREDITED FOOD SAFETY MANAGER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION.



ALL FOOD MUST BE PREPARED, COOKED, AND SERVED ON THE SAME DAY.



MHKOs MAY NOT PRODUCE, SERVE, OR USE RAW MILK, SERVE RAW OYSTERS, OR ANY FOOD THAT WOULD REQUIRE A HACCP PLAN.



A MAXIMUM OF 30 MEALS PER DAY AND 60 MEALS PER WEEK CAN BE SERVED* WITH AN ANNUAL SALES CAP OF \$100,000.

*ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MAY DECREASE MEAL LIMITS BASED ON THE FOOD PREPARATION CAPACITY OF THE HOME



NO SIGNAGE OR OTHER OUTDOOR DISPLAYS FOR ADVERTISING ARE ALLOWED. ALL INTERNET FOOD SERVICE INTERMEDIARIES USED MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.



FOOD FROM A MHKO CANNOT BE SOLD TO OTHER FOOD FACILITIES FOR RESALE.



DELIVERY TO THE CONSUMER MUST BE DONE BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MHKO, A FAMILY MEMBER, OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OF THE PERMIT HOLDER.

How to Open a MHKO

- 1 CONTACT AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST AND SUBMIT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.
- 2 SUBMIT A MHKO PERMIT APPLICATION.
- 3 SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST.



THE FOLLOWING AREAS WILL BE INSPECTED: CONSUMER EATING AREA, RESTROOM, JANITORIAL OR CLEANING FACILITIES, REFUSE STORAGE AREA, AND ATTACHED ROOMS WITHIN THE HOME THAT ARE USED FOR FOOD, UTENSIL, AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE. THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE ANY VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTING FOOD TO OR FROM A MHKO.

DETACHED ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, INCLUDING GARAGES AND SLEEPING QUARTERS, ENCLOSED PATIOS, OR SECOND UNITS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED FOR FOOD, UTENSIL, OR EQUIPMENT STORAGE.

- 4 ONCE ALL THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THIS DEPARTMENT, AND THE HOME INSPECTION IS COMPLETE, THE MHKO MAY BE APPROVED TO OPERATE.

