

From the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Food Safety,

The FDACS Division of Food Safety would like to remind you that it is time to renew your food establishment permit to ensure your food permit remains compliant for the 2020 permit period. Please note that your 2019 food establishment permit will expire on December 31, 2019.

New for the 2020 food establishment permit renewal cycle, the department has added the ability to become permitted as a Hemp Food Establishment. If you are, or anticipate selling food products containing hemp extract, which includes CBD and other cannabinoids, you must select “yes” to the hemp extract question on the application.

Please visit the FDACS website below to renew your food establishment permit(s) today.

<https://fims.freshfromflorida.com>.

For your convenience, the Division of Food Safety has provided step by step instructions, which are located on the website listed above. The renewal fee amount and any outstanding fees must be paid in full prior to the department issuing a food establishment permit.

Please Note: Operating a food establishment after December 31, 2019, without a valid permit is a violation of Chapter 500, Florida Statutes, and Rule 5K-4, Florida Administrative Code, and is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, and/or the closure of your business. Proper renewal of your 2020 food permit will avoid these penalties for operating without a permit. Also, if there has been a change of ownership at your location the new owner must submit a new application, also available at the website above.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact the FDACS Division of Food Safety at (850)245-5520 or email them at FoodSafety@FDACS.gov for additional assistance.