**ServSafe Manager vs Food Handler: What’s the Difference?**

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| Scan me with your phone camera | ServSafe **Manager** | ServSafe **Food Handler** |
| What the course/exam covers | All aspects of food service management including but not limited to: foodborne microorganisms and allergens; personal hygiene; proper food handling during all steps of the process including: purchasing, receiving, storage, preparing, cooking, and serving; facilities management; cleaning and sanitation and pest management. | All aspects of food handling for a food service worker including but not limited to: basic food safety; personal hygiene; cross-contamination and allergens; time and temperature control; cleaning and sanitation. |
| Class Length | 8-16 hours | 2.5-4 hours |
| Exam | 90 questions; time limit 2 hrs  | 50 questions; No time limit  |
| Exam must be administered by ServSafe proctor | Yes | Paper exam – yesOnline exam - no  |
| Length of certificate | 5 years | 3 years |
| Who **must** have this certificate according to Indiana law | At least one person per food establishment – This course satisfies Indiana requirements to become a “certified food protection manager” | Anyone operating as a home-based vendor (most persons who sell at farmer’s markets and roadside stands are home-based vendors) Learn more about home-based vendor laws here: [https://bi t.ly/HBV2022](https://bit.ly/HBV2022)  |
| Who else should think about having this certificate | One person per shift at each food establishment | All employees or volunteers who handle food in any way. |
| Look for upcoming classes hosted by Purdue Extension | <https://bit.ly/ServSafe22> select “ServSafe Program” in program dropdown menu | <https://bit.ly/ServSafe22> select “ServSafe Food Handler” in program dropdown menu Scan me with your phone camera |
| For additional questions | Call your local Extension office or find your nearest ServSafe educator here: [www.purdue.edu/servsafe/meetoureducators](http://www.purdue.edu/servsafe/meetoureducators) |