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**SCPHD Offering ServSafe Certified Food Protection Manager Class in Spanish:
Limited Seating Available, Register Now**

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO – According to the Idaho Food Code, every food establishment must have at least one employee with supervisory and/or management responsibility registered as a Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM). There is a need in the community to offer the CFPM class in Spanish to help support the wide variety of food establishments in our region to meet that requirement.

South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is offering a Spanish-language ServSafe accredited CFPM Certification class and exam on Monday, January 27, 2024 at the SCPHD Twin Falls Office. The class starts at 9 a.m. with the certification exam taking place immediately after the class at 4 p.m.

This 7-hour accredited course covers the essential knowledge and skills needed to manage and run a commercial food establishment. Some of the topics covered include identifying hazards in daily food establishment operations, developing preventive policies, and protecting consumer health through appropriate food safety practices.

“Having a Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) on staff who can train, direct, and provide feedback at a food establishment is a critical part of keeping food safe for public consumption. The FDA did a study that found the presence of a CFPM correlated with higher compliance levels with food safety practices and behaviors compared to establishments without a CFPM,” said Brian Shiroma, SCPHD Environmental Health Specialist. “Offering this CFPM training course in Spanish helps us reach a broader base of food service workers who play such an important role in minimizing the risk of foodborne illness here in our health district.”

Class registration is open until January 3, 2025. For those that sign up, weekly emails containing lessons and practice quizzes will be sent to help participants prepare. The “ServSafe Manager Book, 7th Edition Revised: Spanish” is an optional, but highly recommended, resource for the class. A link to purchase the book is included on the CFPM registration form. The cost for the course and exam is \$150. Seating is limited and based on paid registration. For more information or to register, go to: info.phd5.id.gov/Forms/CFPM-SP.

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