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**SCPHD Offering ServSafe Certified Food Protection Manager Classes in
Heyburn and Twin Falls: 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).

In a continuing effort to help food establishments in the Magic Valley meet that requirement, South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is offering two upcoming ServSafe accredited CFPM Certification classes. The first class will take place on Monday, February 24, 2025 at the SCPHD Heyburn Office. The second class is on Monday, March 24 at the SCPHD Twin Falls Office. The classes start at 9 a.m. with the certification exam taking place immediately after each 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.

"According to the FDA's 2018 Risk Factor Study, restaurants with a Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) as the person in charge achieved significantly higher food safety management scores compared to those without a CFPM," said Brian Shiroma, SCPHD Environmental Health Specialist. "Completing a CFPM class and becoming certified not only protects the establishment's reputation but also safeguards public health by equipping operators with the tools and skills needed to prevent foodborne illness outbreaks."

Class registration is open until February 7, 2025 for the Heyburn class and February 28, 2025 for the Twin Falls class. 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" 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.

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