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During the winter season, area restaurants and businesses that serve food to the public are encouraged to send their employees for Dine Safe training. Dine Safe is a three –hour course designed to reinforce principles of food safety. Dine Safe is a program taught by Dr. Anne Camasso, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Educator.

Dine Safe education is ideal for any restaurant, business or organization that purchases, prepares and or serves food to the public.

The three-hour short courses are taught in Sussex County at the Elbert N. & Ann V. Research and Education Center in Georgetown, on Route 9 or arrangements can be made to conduct the program at your site. The training provides an invaluable opportunity for all employees to focus on their individual roles in safe food handling. Restaurants and organizations that serve food are encouraged to include everyone in this course regardless of their positions or how many hours they work each week.

Each participant receives a training guide outlining the information covered in the program. The instructor will use presentations and hands-on activities to reinforce the lessons taught. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

The workshop training will concentrate on five food service topics: **Food Safety; Ensuring Proper Personal Hygiene; Purchasing, Receiving and Storing Foods; Preparing Cooking and Serving Food;** and **Cleaning and Sanitizing.**

Classes are \$25 per person (a discount for National Restaurant Association members is available).

The winter schedule for Sussex County is:

Mon. Feb. 16 2009, 1-4 p.m.

Wed. March 18 2009 1-4 p.m.

During challenging economic times as families carefully evaluate good value in their spending choices, Dine Safe certification provides another layer of consumer confidence that businesses may offer their customers.

For more information about Delaware Dine Safe, please contact Michele Walfred (302) 856-2585 ext 544. Or visit our Web site: www.rec.udel.edu and select Event Flyers and Workshops.