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What’s Coming Up?

Watch for new information in upcoming issues of the FSPCA Newsletter. Here are some of the things to look for in the near future:

- Human Food Curriculum 2.0
- Instructor Skills Training
- Webinars on best practices and tools for virtual instruction
- FSPCA course

Notes from the Executive Director

As we all know, the pandemic has impacted just about every aspect of our personal and professional lives over the past year. One thing I learned early on was how resilient Lead Instructors are. They adapted very quickly to the situation and found new ways to reach those who required their training services. And it was clear that Lead Instructors were keenly interested in learning virtual instruction skills. FSPCA hosted two panels last year where instructors who were early adopters of virtual techniques shared their secrets with other Lead Instructors. There was overwhelming attendance on those webinars. The feedback was loud and clear - Lead Instructors want to learn more about best practices for virtual delivery. In this and future issues of the FSPCA Newsletter, you will hear about the development of some new products that we hope will give instructors fresh tools and create new demands for their valuable services. We must keep in mind that the ultimate beneficiary of the efforts of FSPCA and Lead Instructors are food industry operators - whom we all rely on for providing safe food - even in a pandemic.
Virtual Lead Instructor (LI) Courses

FSPCA is virtualizing several LI courses to meet global training needs. The virtual LI courses will be available in Summer 2021, and include IA VA, FSVP and PCHF LI courses.

Course offerings, when available, will be posted on the FSPCA website and approved Lead Instructor candidates will be notified via email.

Apply to Become a Lead Instructor

Want to know how to become a FSPCA Lead Instructor? Now is the time to submit your application! Once you attain Lead Instructor status, you can offer training using the FSPCA course material, issue course certificates, and advertise your courses on the FSPCA course site. See application instructions here.

Online Food Defense Courses Can Reside on Your LMS

FSPCA is now offering a way to obtain the use of FSPCA online courses on a corporate Learning Management System (LMS). For security reasons, food companies often limit employee access outside of internal networks and prefer to house training and training records on the company’s own LMS. FSPCA can accommodate special requests to work with your company to customize a way to allow a corporate LMS to access FSPCA’s Cloud-based courses.

Contact fspca@iit.edu for more information.

FSVP Training – it’s not just for U.S. Importers!

The FSVP Awareness Module for Foreign Suppliers is specifically designed for foreign suppliers that manufacture, process, pack or hold food intended for human or animal consumption in the U.S. The FSVP rule itself imposes requirements on importers, who may then make requests of foreign suppliers to assist in meeting the importer’s obligations. This module will explain the requirements of the FSVP rule. Our updated FSVP webpage also makes it easy for U.S. Importers to find FSVP training courses, materials and resources. FSVP Lead Instructors can find LI criteria, course descriptions, and applications on the same page.

How to Find New Markets for Your Training

Did you know that FSPCA metrics are published each month? Utilize the world maps to see where training gaps exist around the world.