

Maricopa County Environmental Health Code Frequently Asked Questions

On October 6, 2021, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department (MCESD) completed the Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Process (EROP) for some proposed changes to the [Maricopa County Environmental Health Code \(MCEHC\)](#). Changes/clarifications to the MCEHC were approved by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and include the adoption of the [2017 FDA Food Code](#) by reference, to replace the 2013 FDA Food Code.

During our stakeholder trainings, multiple questions were asked and the answers to some of the questions are below. The Department continues to develop processes to answer other questions and, once finalized, this document will be updated.

1. What happens if an establishment doesn't have a Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM)?

The Department will continue to provide education on the Certified Food Protection Manager requirement, until further notice.

After the Department's educational period, if the establishment does not have a Certified Food Protection Manager a violation will be documented.

2. What is the violation if the CFPM is not onsite during the inspection?

If a Person In Charge (PIC) has been designated, and the PIC is not a CFPM, violation 2-102.12 will be documented. 2-102.12 is a Core violation.

If a PIC has not been designated, violation 2-101.11 will be documented. 2-101.11 is a Priority Foundation violation.

3. For those who apply for a variance, what will the PIC receive to show proof of attending an Active Managerial Control class?

A process for obtaining a variance for the Person In-Charge is still being developed and the Department continues to provide education to our operators on the CFPM requirement.