Chicago is home to thousands of restaurants, grocery stores, shared kitchens, spas, schools, daycares, public pools, and other establishments. CDPH conducts inspections of and promotes public health at these establishments and works to ensure they operate in a way that meets health codes to keep Chicagoans safe.

FOOD PROTECTION

The Food Protection Division maintains the safety of food bought, sold, or prepared for public consumption in Chicago by carrying out science-based inspections of all retail food establishments.

Sanitarians conduct science-based inspections for retail food establishments, including:

- Restaurants
- Bakeries
- Grocery Stores
- Convenience stores
- Shared Kitchens/Users / Ghost kitchens /
- Daycares / Schools/ After-school programs

Sanitarians also inspect swimming pools and spas including Chicago Public School and Chicago Park District pools.

HEALTH CODE ENFORCEMENT

Health Code Enforcement Inspection Analysts inspect daycares, tanning facilities, and body art facilities such as tattoo shops and body piercings.

Sanitarians and Analysts conduct license, routine, and follow-up inspections and investigate complaints.

RESOURCES

FAQ’s for food safety at home: bit.ly/FoodSafetyFAQ

Food Protection Program: 312.746.8030

24 HOUR ASSISTANCE