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### **Total Solar Eclipse 2024** **Monroe County Public Health Department Offers Support for Solar Eclipse Pop-Up Food Service Operations**

*Website and phone support available for temporary food service permits*

The Monroe County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) is offering permit application support for businesses and individuals planning to offer food or beverages during the total solar eclipse event in April. Short-term food service establishments, as well as some existing food service providers, require a Temporary Food Service permit in order to comply with all health and safety regulations. Permit application instructions and information can be found at [www.monroecounty.gov/eh-food](http://www.monroecounty.gov/eh-food) or by calling (585) 753-5064.

“We anticipate numerous ‘pop-up’ establishments will open to serve the large influx of visitors to our area,” **Dr. Michael Mendoza**, Monroe County Commissioner of Public Health, said.

“And, we expect a number of restaurants and food trucks will want to temporarily provide concessions that are not allowed under their existing permits. It is important to take action now so there are no last minute surprises that might keep them from doing business.”

“It is a little complicated. We are here to help you understand the guidance and fill out the appropriate forms, but you should get started sooner rather than later to ensure we have enough time to process everyone’s application,” **Starr O’Neil**, MCDPH Environmental Health Manager, said.

A temporary food service establishment is defined as a fixed location where food is prepared, handled and served to the public anywhere from one day to 14 consecutive days. Even if these establishments are not charging for food, they will need a Temporary Food Service permit to operate. Depending on the type of food being served, a Certified Food Worker may need to be on location as well. All establishments will need to provide proof of Workers Compensation and Disability insurance or a Certificate of Attestation of Exemption (CE-200).

Applicants pay a fee that ranges from \$55 to \$115, depending on the type of concessions and number of days in operation. Home-prepared foods are not allowed. All establishments are subject to inspection by MCDPH.

For more information, visit [www.monroecounty.gov/eh-food](http://www.monroecounty.gov/eh-food) or contact the MCDPH Food Protection Program at [food@monroecounty.gov](mailto:food@monroecounty.gov) or (585) 753-5064.

