

Welcome to the Summer newsletter focused on information for our food providers

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Verification timeframes

We will contact you four to six weeks before your verification is next due to arrange a time to meet on site.

We are required by the Food Act to verify you within a short timeframe of your due date so please understand that we can't wait too long to undertake your verification.

We appreciate that there are often other factors which make it hard to schedule a time for us such as staff on leave, owners on holiday etc so please let us know if you are having difficulty.

We contact you early so hopefully something can be arranged at a day/time that works for you but is also within the legal timeframe.

Safe cooking of livers

As part of MPI's Campylobacter Action Plan they have recently refreshed the webpage on safely cooking liver. The webpage covers:

- Why it's important to handle liver safely;
- What can go wrong and how to prevent it;
- How to tell if liver is contaminated;
- How to cook liver safely; and
- How to prevent cross contamination.

You can find out more by clicking on the following link
[Safe cooking of livers: information for chefs](#)



Gluten-free food safety training

Coeliac New Zealand has an online course that you and your staff can undertake to get a basic understanding of the requirements of serving gluten-free food. The online course covers all aspects of what is involved in serving gluten-free food, storage, food preparation, cooking right through to serving your customers and labelling your menu.

The course will take around 60-90 minutes to complete and you can find out more information and how to register by clicking on the following link

<https://coeliac.org.nz/gluten-free-food-safety-training-certificate/>

2025-26 Annual Plan Engagement

Marlborough District Council would like to hear your ideas and feedback on the 2025-26 Annual Plan.

This is your opportunity to have your say and raise matters into the Annual Plan spending.

If you are wanting to take part, you can go to the 'Have Your Say' page on the Marlborough District Council website.

The engagement closes on 20 January 2025.



Guess the contamination issues

There are at least 10 food safety issues in this photo. Have a go yourself and give to your staff to see how many they can guess.



The Marlborough District Council Environmental Health Team wish you all a wonderful and prosperous Christmas and New Year. We are available right through the Christmas and New Year period for any enquiries on (03) 5207400 or environmentalhealth@marlborough.govt.nz.