



**Sangamon County
Department of Public Health**

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The Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) is pleased to announce the 2018 “Gold Award” recipients. This is the 21st year this award has been presented to Sangamon County food service establishments, which have demonstrated superior commitment to food safety. The Gold Awards include all types of food service establishments except for seasonal and temporary facilities.

The Gold Award criteria are based on each establishment’s 2018 calendar year inspection history. These criteria include:

- maintaining an inspection score of no more than eight demerit points for high risk facilities;
- no more than five demerit points for medium risk facilities;
- no more than three demerit points for low risk facilities; and
- having no violations that require a return visit.

These criteria will be modified to reflect the State of Illinois’ adoption of the 2017 FDA Code for 2019 Gold Award Year.

First time award winners, are eligible for a 5% rebate on their annual food permit fee. Those that have received the award twice in a row are eligible for a 10% rebate on their annual food permit fee. Those that have received the award three or more times in a row are eligible for a 20% rebate on their annual food permit fee. The recipient list is attached.

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