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**TO:** All Local Health Departments (LHDs)

Attn: Medical Director / Health Officer / Director of Environmental Health

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)

Attn: Food and Dairy Division Managers

**FROM:** Becky Vought, Local Health Services and Emergency Response Unit Manager

Food and Dairy Division

**DATE:** July 6, 2023

**SUBJECT:** 2023 MDARD Michigan Standardized Trainers Annual Training Conference

MDARD will be hosting a 2023 Michigan Standardized Trainers Annual Training Conference. The training is limited to MDARD food safety trainers and Local Health Department standardized trainers in the Food Program.

The conference will be held on September 27 (Noon – 5:00 PM) and September 28 (8:00 AM – Noon) at the Ralph A MacMullan Conference Center, 104 Conservation Drive, Roscommon, Michigan.

The training is free, and a certificate and eight contact hours will be provided to each attendee. MDARD will pay the facility directly for the training, training rooms, lodging, dinner on September 27, breakfast on September 28, and snacks for breaks. MDARD has signed a contract with the RAM Center for everyone attending to have a room to themselves, although the rooms do share bathrooms.

The agenda will focus on the role of the standardized trainers in training new employees, risk-based inspections and active managerial control, recalls/sampling and foodborne illness response and other topics to promote consistency within food establishments in Michigan.

Standardized Trainers can register for the training by emailing Rodney Blanchard at [blanchardr1@michigan.gov](mailto:blanchardr1@michigan.gov) to confirm attendance.

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