



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



World Health
Organization

49
TH

Session of the Codex Committee
on

FOOD HYGIENE

November 13-17, 2017 • CHICAGO



49
TH

Session of the Codex Committee

on

FOOD HYGIENE

November 13-17, 2017 • CHICAGO

THE 49TH SESSION OVERVIEW

The 49th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) will take place from November 13-17, 2017, in Chicago, Illinois, at InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile.

The plenary session will open on Monday, November 13, at 09:30 a.m. and conclude after the report adoption on Friday, November 17. On Sunday, November 12, on-site registration (to collect your badges and other materials) will take place from 12:00 - 18:00, however there will be no physical Working Groups that day.



AGENDA

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 12TH

12:00 – 18:00 Registration

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 13TH

08:00 – 16:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:30 New Delegate Training
09:30 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony
10:00 – 12:30 Plenary AM Session 1
12:30 – 14:30 Lunch
14:30 – 16:00 Plenary PM Session 1
16:00 – 16:30 Break
16:30 – 18:00 Plenary PM Session 2
19:00 – 21:00 Welcome Reception

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 14TH

09:00 – 10:30 Plenary AM Session 1
10:30 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 12:30 Plenary AM Session 2
12:30 – 14:30 Lunch
14:30 – 16:00 Plenary PM Session 1
16:00 – 16:30 Break
16:30 – 18:00 Plenary PM Session 2

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 15TH

09:00 – 10:30 Plenary AM Session 1
10:30 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 12:30 Plenary AM Session 2
12:30 – 14:30 Lunch
14:30 – 16:00 Plenary PM Session 1
16:00 – 16:30 Break
16:30 – 18:00 Plenary PM Session 2

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 16TH

ALL DAY Report Writing Day

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 17TH

08:00 Report Available
09:00 – 12:00 Report Adoption

CODEx ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The U.S. Codex Office is using the Codex Online Registration System (ORS) to register delegates for the CCFH meeting, via the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/registration/en

Please note that the invitation to CCFH 49 issued by FAO and WHO requests that delegates register by October 13, 2017.

We would encourage all delegates who expect to attend CCFH 49 to register well in advance to ensure that appropriate seating arrangements will be available for them at the meeting.

Please note that the CCFH meeting registration is a separate process from the hotel reservations for sleeping accommodations at the Intercontinental Hotel (please see section below CCFH 49 Venue Hotel).



VISA REQUIREMENTS



Those who will require a visa to enter the United States are strongly encouraged to begin the visa application process as soon as possible. Most delegates will be considered “independent travelers” and will need to apply for a B1/B2 visa. Additional information may be found at the following site:

travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html

According to the U.S. State Department, all government officials will need a **diplomatic note** to accompany the visa application. In addition, many U.S. Embassies require in-person interviews that may take time to schedule and openings may not be available at the last moment. Please consult the nearest U.S. Embassy for additional guidance.

Although the U.S. Codex Office cannot influence the visa process, we will assist in any way we can, including providing notification of registration letters to each registered delegate. It is the responsibility of delegates to begin the visa application process in a timely manner, and if this is not done well in advance, it may not be possible to obtain a visa in time to attend the meeting.

We believe it is important that delegates from all Member Countries and Organizations have the opportunity to participate in Codex meetings. Completing and submitting the visa application promptly will ensure that the work of Codex accurately reflects the views and contributions of all its Members.

GETTING TO/AROUND CHICAGO



FLYING IN

Chicago is supported by two airports; O'Hare International Airport (ORD) and Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW).

For international flights, we suggest booking your flight into O'Hare International Airport (ORD); 20 miles (32 kilometers) from the airport to the Intercontinental Hotel. ORD is the fourth busiest airport in the world with connections to 60 international cities and third in the United States with an average of 2,400 aircraft operations per day. It is also the largest United States hub for American Airlines and United Airlines.

For domestic flights, we suggest Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW); 13 miles (21 kilometers) from the airport to the hotel. MDW is the second largest airport in Chicago with over 60 non-stop destinations, and a major hub for Southwest Airlines.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL TAXIS and RIDE SHARES (Uber/Lyft)

Taxis and Ride Share Services are the most convenient mode of transportation to and from the airport. Typically, ride share services such as Uber and Lyft are less expensive than taxis. Uber and Lyft riders may request a private car or economical shared car which will pick other passengers up along the way and discount your ride cost. To use Uber or Lyft, you must download the respective mobile app.

FROM ORD, it's about 30-50 minutes depending on traffic.

- It is best to wait to request the pickup only when you're ready to walk outside.
 - LYFT riders at the Domestic Terminal and UBER riders requesting UberX, UberXL, and UberSELECT should meet their driver upstairs on the Departures level in the Rideshare Pickup zone.
 - LYFT and UBER riders at the International Terminal (5) or requesting UberBLACK should meet their driver downstairs on the Arrivals level.
- Confirm your location. Enter your terminal and door number or pickup zone and navigate to the Rideshare Pickup zone so your driver knows where to find you.

For more information on how to download, additional fares, and first-time user promo codes go to:

www.uber.com/airports/ord

www.lyft.com/airports/ord

FROM MDW, it's about 25-45 minutes depending on traffic.

- It is best to wait to request the pickup only when you're ready to walk outside.
 - UBER riders requesting at MDW should meet their driver downstairs on the arrivals level (near baggage claim). Exit through door 4, cross the street, and meet your driver in the center lane.
 - LYFT riders requesting at MDW will be directed to Departures, Door 1.
- Confirm your location. Enter your terminal and door number or pick-up zone so your driver knows where to find you.

For more information on how to download the app, additional fares, and first-time user promo codes go to:

www.uber.com/airports/mdw

www.lyft.com/airports/mdw





'L' TRAIN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

From ORD, take the Blue Line 'L' Train which runs 24-hours and is located on the Lower level of Terminal 2. Take the train towards Forest Park and get off at Washington (17 stops). From there either:

- Walk .7 miles (about 15 minutes) to the hotel.
- Transfer to the Red Line - walk 1 block to the Lake Red Line Station at N State St. and E. Benton Pl. Take the train towards Howard and get off at Grand (3 stops). Head east on E. Grand Ave for .3 miles (5 minutes), the hotel is 3 blocks from the station at the corner of E. Grand Ave and N. Michigan Ave.
- Take a taxi the rest of the way to the hotel. Taxi fare is estimated at \$9.

Metro fare is \$5 from ORD and \$2.50 to ORD; train transfer is included in price.

From MDW, take the Orange Line 'L' Train which runs from 4:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. The fully-accessible station is located just east of the airport terminal building at the Midway Transportation Center and is connected to the airport via an enclosed walkway. Follow the signs in the airport that read "CTA Trains" or "Trains to City." An orange line painted on the ground will guide you to the station. Take the train towards "LOOP L" and either:

- Get off at Roosevelt (7 stops) and transfer to the Red Line. Take the Red Line train towards Howard and get off at Grand (5 stops). Head east on E. Grand Ave for .3 miles (5 minutes), the hotel is 3 blocks from the station at the corner of E. Grand Ave and N. Michigan Ave. This route is around 25-30 minutes.
- Get off at State & Lake (13 stops) and walk .5 miles (about 10 minutes) to the hotel or take a taxi the rest of the way. Taxi fare is estimated at \$7. This route is around 35-40 minutes.

Metro fare is \$2.50 (one way) to and from MDW, train transfer is included in price.

GO AIRPORT EXPRESS SHUTTLE

This is a shared-ride service that transports delegates to and from the hotel. It takes longer than a taxi due to more frequent stops but may be more affordable, especially if travelling alone. Private rides are also available. For specific fare quotes and reservations go to AIRPORT EXPRESS.

The shared van service to and from the hotel for:

ORD IS \$36 ONE-WAY

MDW IS \$32 ONE-WAY

Prices may change depending on time of booking.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN CHICAGO



ACCOMMODATIONS

CCFH 49 VENUE HOTEL
INTERCONTINENTAL CHICAGO
505 N Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60611

Phone: +1.312.944.4100
Fax: +1.312.944.1320
www.icchicagohotel.com
Hotel check-in: 15:00
Hotel check-out: 12:00



INTERCONTINENTAL CHICAGO

The InterContinental Chicago has stood as a true cultural icon since it was built in 1929. Situated right on the Chicago Magnificent Mile, visitors have easy access to restaurants, shopping, and all the attractions the city has to offer. This landmark hotel embodies the city's vibrant downtown style with a mix of its classic history and modern elegance.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please [CLICK HERE https://goo.gl/LpxMgg](https://goo.gl/LpxMgg) to book, modify and cancel your reservations online. Please keep in mind that the CCFH group cut off date is October 20, 2017. Any reservations requested after this date will be based on availability.

You will need to provide a credit card upon booking your room. If your plans change, you may cancel without penalty 72 hours prior to your arrival. We encourage all delegates to secure a reservation as early as possible. Your credit card will not be charged until you check-in at the hotel.

The CCFH special rate of \$248.89 per night (single or double occupancy) includes complimentary breakfast buffet, wireless guestroom Internet, and daily passes to the fitness center. This rate includes the 17.4% sales tax. Please note the special rate is available only until October 20, 2017 on a room available basis; please make your reservations early.

This link is not tablet or mobile friendly. The link automatically populates the contracted dates. To personalize your stay, click in the box of the date you want to change.

SERVICES

- 24-hour business center
- FedEx Office Print & Ship Center in lobby
- Concierge service
- In-room dining
- Turndown on request
- Safety-deposit box
- Dry cleaning & laundry service
- Gift shop

I-CLUB, SPA AND HEALTH CLUB

- Spa treatment rooms
- Fitness center (sessions and certified trainers available)
- Junior Olympic pool

GUEST ROOMS

Standard in-room features include:

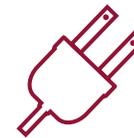
- Available hi speed WiFi
- 32 to 42 LCD TV and premium cable
- Minibar
- In-room safe large enough to fit laptops
- Oversized desk
- Dual line speakerphone
- Coffeemaker with complimentary coffee and tea

CONNECTING WITH CHICAGO



WEATHER

- November is the start of the winter season in Chicago, and daytime temperatures begin to decline with an average of 5°C (about 40°F).
- The average high temperature still reaches 9° (about 48°F) but drop as low as 0°C (about 32°F) at night.
- We would suggest that you pack a warm coat, gloves, and a hat in the event winter starts early in Chicago this year! It is also a good idea to layer your clothing so that you can remove or add garments as needed for comfort.



ELECTRICAL CURRENT

- Electrical appliances operate on 110 volts (60Hz).
- Power outlets accommodate two prong or three prong plugs.



CURRENCY

- United States Dollar (\$)
- ATM Machines and Currency Exchange are available at the airport upon arrival Chicago.
- Credit cards accepted—Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Diners, and JCB.
- You may use your bank or credit card as long as you have a 4 digit pin and/or a chip.

TIPS AND TAXES

- All prices are subject to a 10.25% sales tax in the city of Chicago.
- Please note that taxi fares and restaurant bills do not include gratuities. It is therefore customary to add a 15-20% tip when settling a bill.



ENTERTAINMENT

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

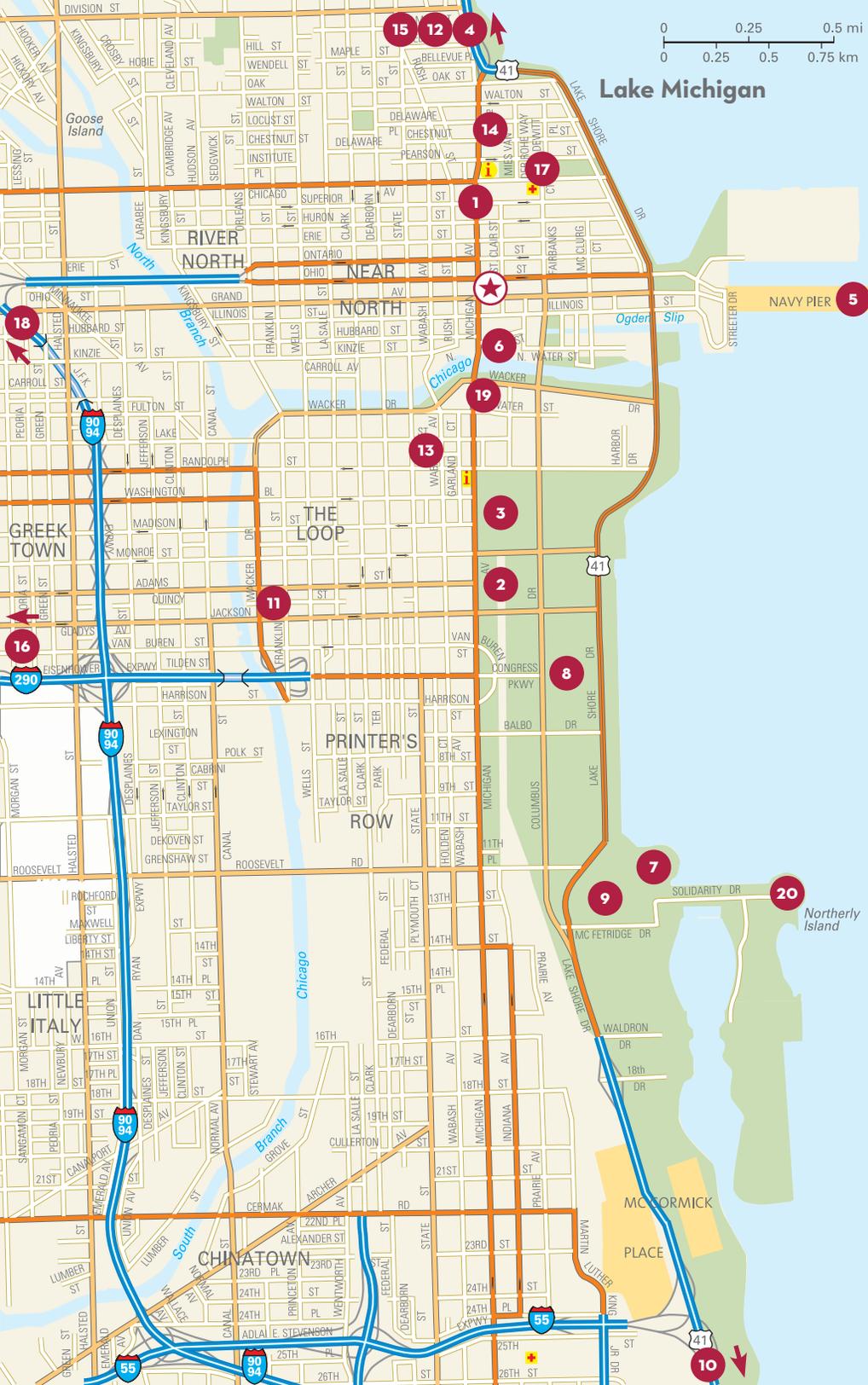
Chicago is a blend of modern art, fine dining, cutting edge comedy, and die-hard sports. Relax in Millennium Park, take in views of the Chicago waterfront or admire Cloud Gate, Chicago's famous reflective bean sculpture. Walk through Grant Park and experience the refreshing spray of Buckingham Fountain. Catch a play or see a new exhibit at one of the dozens of museums and theater companies. Enjoy a few laughs at the famous Second City Theater, the launch pad of many professional comedians.

CCFH will feature a Tour Desk where you may book a variety of sightseeing options, excursions, and activities during your free time.

FOR THINGS TO DO IN CHICAGO, CLICK:

www.choosechicago.com

www.travelandleisure.com/travel-guide/chicago/



CHICAGO ATTRACTIONS

Approximate distance from the host hotels (click on destinations to open websites)

- 1 Magnificent Mile (0.2 mi) www.themagnificentmile.com
- 2 Art Institute of Chicago (1.2 mi) www.artic.edu
- 3 Millennium Park (0.8 mi)
www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millennium_park.html
- 4 Wrigley Field (4.8 mi) chicago.cubs.mlb.com/chc/ballpark
- 5 Navy Pier (1 mi) navypier.com
- 6 Chicago Architecture River Cruise (0.2 mi)
www.cruisechicago.com/architecture-tours
- 7 Shedd Aquarium (2 mi) www.sheddaquarium.org
- 8 Grant Park and Buckingham Fountain (1.4 mi)
www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/clarence-f-buckingham-memorial-fountain
- 9 The Field Museum (2.6 mi) www.fieldmuseum.org
- 10 Museum of Science and Industry (8.0 mi) www.msichicago.org
- 11 Skydeck Chicago at Willis Tower (1.5 mi) theskydeck.com
- 12 Lincoln Park Zoo (1.8 mi) www.lpzoo.org
- 13 The Chicago Theatre (0.6 mi) www.thechicagotheatre.com
- 14 360 CHICAGO Observation Deck (0.7 mi) www.360chicago.com
- 15 The Second City (1.8 mi) www.secondcity.com
- 16 Garfield Park Conservatory (7 mi) garfieldconservatory.org
- 17 Museum of Contemporary Art (0.6 mi) mcachicago.org
- 18 The 606 (4.5 mi) www.the606.org
- 19 Chicago Riverwalk (0.5 mi) www.chicagoriverwalk.us
- 20 Adler Planetarium (3 mi) www.adlerplanetarium.org
- ★ InterContinental Hotel www.icchicagohotel.com

49
TH

Session of the Codex Committee

on

FOOD HYGIENE

November 13-17, 2017 • CHICAGO

CCFH SECRETARIAT

For additional information or questions about the upcoming session, please contact Barbara McNiff and Marie Maratos of the CCFH Secretariat: CCFH@FSIS.USDA.GOV.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN **CHICAGO!**