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## **St. James Mercy Boasts a Certified “ServSafe” Instructor**

**June 21, 2011...Hornell, NY** – St. James Mercy Hospital is pleased to announce that Chef Manager, Kevin Scott, recently became a New York State certified ServSafe Instructor and Proctor. ServSafe is a training and certification program sponsored by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation and is nationally recognized as the restaurant industry standard.

This certification enables Chef Scott to train cooks and cafeteria supervisors from restaurants and other hospitals in the safe handling of food. As a certified Proctor, he can also give the exam to the students upon completion of either the 8-hour or 16-hour course.

While this is a national program, New York State is very strict and highly recommends that all food service managers be qualified. “I want to achieve certification for all of our Hospital and McAuley Manor staff, even though the State only requires that managers be certified,” stated Chef Scott. “My goal is to ensure that our patients, residents, and customers are eating safe, healthy food, and are not in danger of getting a food-borne illness,” he added.

Within his Sodexo district (St. James Mercy’s food service provider), Chef Scott is the only certified ServSafe Instructor/Proctor from Syracuse to Hornell. He is available to teach the food safety course to area restaurants and health care organizations. For more information call 607-324-8171.



*Chef Kevin Scott, Certified ServSafe Instructor and Proctor*