A Safe Holiday Meal A Safe Holiday Meal In 6 AMERICANS WILL GET A THIS FOODBORNE ILLNESS YEAR

Follow these simple steps to ensure a SAFE holiday meal

SHOP SAFELY

Keep fresh fruits and vegetables separate from raw meat and poultry



Store perishable foods quickly: within **30 minutes**



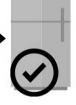
PREPARE SAFELY

WASH HANDS, SURFACES, AND UTENSILS between EACH FOOD-PREP STEP

Never thaw frozen meat on the counter

THAW FORMULA: 24 HOURS FOR EVERY 4 POUNDS OF MEAT

Thaw it in the refrigerator instead



A FOOD THERMOMETER IS THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW THAT MEAT HAS BEEN COOKED TO A SAFE TEMPERATURE!



Keep *hot* foods above **140°**

Refrigerate *cold* foods at **40°**



STORE SAFELY

Store leftovers in shallow containers for faster cooling

EATor STORE 2 hours





REHEAT LEFTOVERS TO 165 ?!





AGRILIFE Distributed by the EXTENSION Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Adapted from www.holidayfoodsafety.org