

## Temporary Food Service Guidelines

A food service establishment that operates for a period of not more than fourteen (14) consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration is the focus of this pamphlet. In other words church suppers, fairs, farmer's markets or other similar celebrations would be considered temporary events if they are advertised as open to the general public. Bake sales offering only non-potentially hazardous foods are exempt from inspection, but require notification to the Health Department.

Food service operators must demonstrate a basic understanding of how mishandling Potentially Hazardous Foods (PHFs) and poor hygienic practices cause foodborne illness. PHFs are natural or synthetic foods that require temperature control because they are in a form that is capable of supporting the rapid growth of bacteria that cause foodborne illnesses. By following these guidelines, temporary food service operators will minimize the possibility that a foodborne illness will occur.

Check with the Joplin Health Department or government agency about permits and code requirements. Be prepared to tell the health department the location of the event, what you plan to serve, where the food will be purchased, how you will prepare and transport the food, and the precautions you will take to prevent contamination. ***Be aware that the health department may make additional requirements beyond these guidelines or limit food preparation as it deems necessary.***

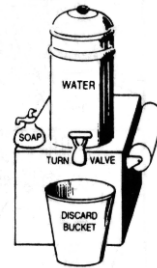
Since temporary operations often require that the food service is set up out-of-doors or in locations where keeping foods safe

and sanitary is challenging, the following actions and equipment are required of all temporary food operations.

**BOOTH.** Booths requiring overhead protection must have water resistant protection over all food prep, food storage and warewashing areas. When fans are allowed for insect control the fan must be continuously blown across food prep areas. If booths are not fully enclosed food must be stored and held in a covered container. Screening is strongly recommended for all booths and will be required for events with a significant insect presence as identified by the health department. At events where screening is required there may be openings for a serving window and a door for entry, however they must be kept closed except when in actual use. Screening material that is at least sixteen (16) mesh to the inch or plastic The floor of the stand should be hard, smooth, and constructed of an easily cleanable surface. All food preparation, food storage and service must be done within this enclosed area.

**HAND SINK.** Adequate hand washing facilities consist of a handsink equipped with hot and cold running water, soap and paper towels. A temporary sink set-up can be made that consists of a cooler or urn full of water with a spigot type dispenser, a soap dispenser, paper towels, a wastebasket and a bucket to collect wastewater.

***Remember to wash: before starting or returning to work, following eating or using the restroom, when changing duties, at regular intervals, and whenever hands become soiled. The***



***use of gloves or hand sanitizers is not a substitute for handwashing.***

**BARE HAND CONTACT.** A food employee's bare hands may not touch ready-to-eat-foods. Tongs, spatulas, deli tissues, or gloves must be used.

**FOOD.** All foods and beverages must be prepared on-site or at a food establishment currently under inspection. If prepared off-site, a copy of the most recent inspection report for that facility must be provided. The report must not be more than a year old. Other foods, including ice, must come from commercial facilities/an approved source. ***No home canned foods or custom processed meats can be used or sold.***

**COOKING.** Use a metal stem thermometer to check final cooking temperatures, as well as hot and cold holding temperatures of potentially hazardous foods.

Proper cooking temperatures for common foods:

Hamburgers:	155° degrees
Pork:	145° degrees
Chicken:	165° degrees

***The carry over or reuse of foods from one day to the next is strongly discouraged.***

### HOT AND COLD HOLDING.

Sufficient equipment must be provided which is capable of keeping foods hot and/or cold. Mechanical refrigeration or ice must be provided for cold foods. Refrigerators and freezers must be clean and contain thermometers. Coolers must be cleanable and have a drain. Styrofoam coolers are not allowed. Hot holding units must be clean and contain a

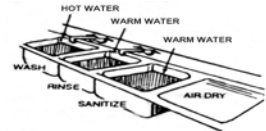
thermometer. ***Remember: Hot foods are kept at 140° F or hotter and cold foods are kept at 41° F or colder.***

**THERMOMETERS.** A metal stemmed thermometer, with a temperature range of 0 to 220 °F with increments no greater than 2 °F, must be available to monitor cooking and holding temperatures. No glass stemmed thermometers or mercury filled thermometers are allowed.

**ICE.** Ice to be used in beverages must be kept in a separate cooler. No other food items can be stored in this ice. An ice scoop with a handle must be used to dispense ice and it must be stored properly to eliminate bare hand contact with the ice.

**WAREWASHING.** Warewashing must be done in a three-compartment sink or temporary set-up using bus tubs:

first, wash in hot soapy water; second, rinse in clear clean warm water; third, chemically sanitize in warm water, and finally air dry. ***Do not reuse single-use articles, such as: aluminum pie pans or cups.***



**WATER.** Sufficient potable water must be provided. If the unit is a mobile temporary stand, the tank must be constructed of a durable, corrosion resistant material that is easily cleanable.

Vents, inlets and outlets must be screened or positioned so that they are protected from contaminants. Prior to use or after repair, the tank and system should be flushed and sanitized.



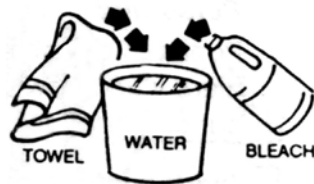
**WASTEWATER.** Wastewater shall be disposed of through an approved sanitary sewage system. Wastewater shall not be dumped on the ground or in the street. Mobile units equipped with a holding tank, must be sized fifteen (15) percent larger than the water supply tank. Proper disposal of wastewater includes water draining from coolers and compressors.

**RESTROOMS.** Restrooms are required to be available to employees during all hours of operation. The restroom must be within 500 feet of the establishment. If the event is held in the parking lot of a retail store, that business must be in operation during all hours of operation of the temporary food event, with a signed agreement on file with the Health Department that allows the concessionaires use of the restroom facilities. If such an arrangement cannot be made, portable toilets shall be made available. If the operation possesses a travel trailer equipped with a functioning restroom, this will be considered sufficient.

**CONDIMENTS.** Condiments or other consumer food toppings must be in individual packets, squeeze bottles or bulk dispensers with plungers. Condiments and other foods that can not be vended in a manner to eliminate contamination from the customer or the environment, must be protected with sneeze shields.

### **SANITIZER AND WIPING**

**CLOTHS.** An approved sanitizing agent along with its respective test kit shall be provided (chlorine or quaternary ammonium compounds, or



iodine). Wiping cloths must be returned to the sanitizer when not in use. *When using bleach to sanitize, mix one teaspoon of unscented bleach to each gallon of water.*

**STORAGE.** All foods and single-use or service articles: paper plates, cups and lids; must be stored at least six (6) inches above the floor or ground.

**HAIR RESTRAINT.** Food vendors shall have their hair restrained and covered.

**LIGHTS.** Lighting in the stand must be adequate for the work areas. Lights need to be coated, shielded or otherwise shatter resistant.

**TRASH.** The wastebasket in the stand must be covered when full or not in constant use. No debris shall be dumped on the ground or in the street.

**TOXICS.** Cleaning solutions, sanitizers or other toxic items must be stored separately from foods, single-use and service items, and food contact surfaces. These same items shall be properly labeled. Over-the-counter spray insecticides and fly strips may not be used.

**EATING, DRINKING AND SMOKING.** Eating and smoking are not allowed in temporary stands. A closed drink cup with a lid and a straw is allowed, if contamination of exposed food, clean equipment, utensils, and linens, or single-use articles will not occur.

**FOOD AND NON-FOOD CONTACT SURFACES.** Food and non-food contact surfaces must be properly constructed. These surfaces shall be smooth, free of breaks, seams, chips or crevices and free of sharp angles or corners. The surfaces must be durable and cleanable.

**ILLNESS RESTRICTIONS.** An individual who has any type of infection on exposed areas of their body, or who has a communicable illness that could be transmitted by food or drink shall not be allowed to work in the food stand.

**AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.** Only those individuals working as booth vendors, food handlers, or those who have duties directly related to the operation are allowed in the food booth.

**FOODS STORED IN ICE.** Packaged and unpackaged foods and bottled or canned beverages may not be stored in direct contact with undrained ice or water.

**TRANSPORTATION.** When food needs to be transported from one location to another, keep it well covered and provide adequate temperature controls. Use refrigerated trucks or insulated containers to keep foods hot and/or cold.

### **REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS PROPERLY**

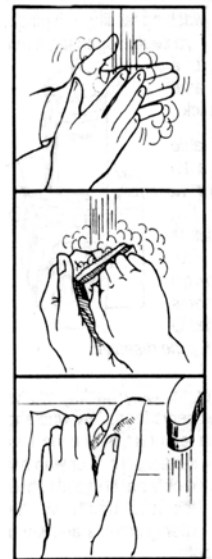
Use soap and water. Rub your hands vigorously as you wash them.

Wash:

- backs of hands
- wrists
- between fingers
- around and under fingernails

Rinse your hands well. Dry hands with a paper towel.

Turn off the water using paper towel. instead of your bare hands.



Portions of this pamphlet were taken from the Food Sanitation Professional Development Group International Association of Milk, Food, & Environmental Sanitarians, "Food Safety at Temporary Events". Contact 1-800-369-6337 or 200 W. Merle Hay Center, 6200 Aurora Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50322 for copies of their brochure.

The preceding guidelines can be found and are more thoroughly referenced in Chapter 62, *Health and Sanitation*, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, MO. Ordinance number 2000-117 Also available at <http://www.health.state.mo.us/> Click on Data and Resources.

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