

Lincoln County Health Department



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The mission of the Lincoln County Health Department is to provide services to residents promoting optimal health and safety through prevention, protection, and intervention.

Changes in Certified Food Manager (CFM)

There are new policy changes for establishments needing a Certified Food Manager (CFM). New establishments without a CFM will have 90 days and be placed on a conditional permit. By the end of the 90 days, if there still is no Certified Food Manager the permit will be voided and the establishment will be closed. Already existing establishments will have 90 days from date of inspection to obtain a CFM. If there is no CFM, a \$150 fee will be charged, and permit will be placed as conditional for 30 days. At the end of those 30 days (120 total) a re-inspection fee will be charged and the permit will be voided and the establishment will be closed.



Department of Natural Resources Late Fee

A late fee of \$30 will now be charged to establishments who do not pay their annual \$10 fee for DNR water testing.

Transient non-community (TNC) establishments serve at least 25 people a day for at least 60 days a year. TNC's are required to have their water tested for bacteria and nitrates annually. There is an annual charge of \$10 for this service.



Re-Inspection Fees

Every establishment receives an annual inspection. Inspections ensure the public that minimum compliance with health and safety standards are being met. When 3 or more inspections are needed to gain this minimum compliance, a re-inspection fee will occur based on your establishment risk category. This is usually noted in the comments section of your inspection report prior to the third inspection.



Pools Fecal Accident Reports

Pools are now required to fill out and send in fecal accident reports to the Health Department with each monthly report.



Operating Without a Permit

Permits assure your customers that your establishment and its procedures have met the standards of best practice. They do not transfer with a change of ownership. Each new owner must apply for a new permit, pay fees, and complete a pre-inspection.

It is our goal at Lincoln County Health Department to better assist you in understanding and enforcing these best practices as written in state and local codes. Not following these standards can put the public, you, and your facility in potential harm.

All hotels, motels, tourist rooming houses, restaurants, retail food, bed and breakfast establishments, tattoo and body piercing, campgrounds and camping resorts, recreational and educational camps, public swimming pools, and manufactured home communities all are to be physically inspected to determine compliance with applicable state and local codes. All establishments must be inspected at least one time per license year, July 1 - June 30.

Establishments and facilities that do not maintain satisfactory compliance are subject to re-inspections, fines, temporary suspension and license revocation.

Back Flow Devices

The use of splitters is wide spread in campgrounds across Wisconsin. To meet camper demand for more water supply outlets, DSPS recommends campground operators to add tees to the end of their plumbing lines. Adding tees with multiple single point connections that can be fitted with backflow devices will be a plumbing code compliant solution to meet the demands for more water supply outlets. DSPS requires

that licensed plumbers be used when tees are added.



Top Food Violations in Lincoln County

1. **Test Strips:** Test strips are required for monitoring your sanitizer concentration for chemical sanitizer or the temperature of your dish machine for high temperature dish machines.

2. **Certified Food Manager:**

Establishments that involve any food processing or preparation such as chopping, cooking, cooling, etc. require having a certified food manager on staff. Certifications last 5 years, and then they have to be re-certified.



3. **Date Marking:** All ready-to-eat potentially hazardous foods, if required are provided with date marking or an effective method of identifying when a food item has exceeded 7 days.

What is Date Marking?

Date marking is a process assuring the food is discarded before bacteria can cause foodborne illness. Date marking is identifying the last day the product can be consumed safely.

Food must be discarded within seven days, which means the day the food is prepared or opened plus six days. (Example: Food prepared on April 1 must be discarded on April 7.)



A food establishment operator can choose any marking method that suits their needs. It's important to know whatever

system you use. It must be understandable, effective, consistently used by employees and clear to your inspector during the evaluation.

How old is your Smoke Alarm?

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) recommends that you change out your smoke alarms ten years after the manufacturing date. If you are unsure of how long it's been, the alarm should have a date on it.



Working smoke alarms save lives, cutting the risk of dying in a home fire in half.

- To find out when it's time to replace smoke alarms in your home, simply look at the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked.
- The smoke alarm should be replaced every 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase or installation).

With your help, our health inspectors make sure the food that is being served is safe to eat. The Lincoln County Health Sanitarians also respond to public complaints, investigate causes of foodborne illness, assist in food recalls, test drinking water, and promote safe food handling practices.

Annual Inspection July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016	Licensed	Annual Inspections
DHS Restaurants	150	150
DATCP Retail Food	54	54
DPI School Inspections	18	18
Lodging	60	60
Pool/ Whirlpool	18	18
Body Art & Body piercing	4	4
Mobile Home Parks	8	8
Campgrounds/ Rec. Ed Camps	13	13
Hospitals	2	2



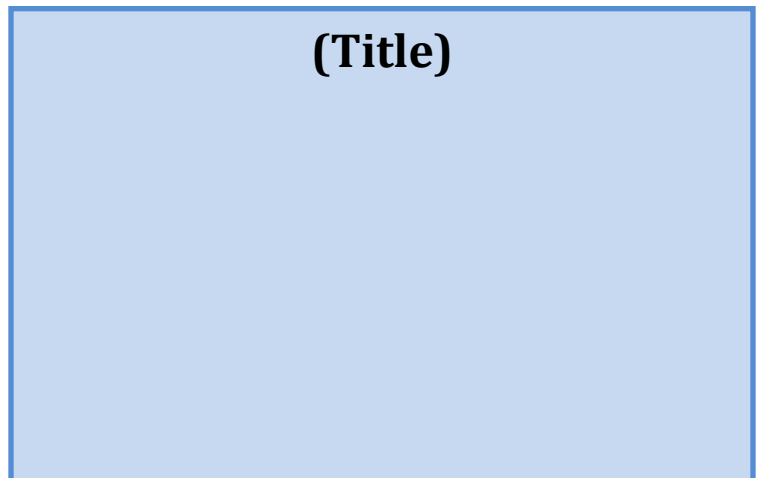
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