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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

DATCP- DHS Merger: July 1, 2016 the Department of Health Services (DHS) will be combining efforts with the Department of Agriculture Trade & Consumer (DATCP) Protection by forming a new single entity. There should be minimal changes to owner operators. This will consolidate food safety regulation into one state-level agency.

Did You Know? Date Marking

All potentially hazardous food prepared and held refrigerated for more than 24 hours, shall be marked with the date of preparation. Food can be safely held for 7 days at refrigerated temperatures of 41 F or less in a commercial grade refrigeration unit (this includes the day of preparation), but all remaining food must be discarded.



If food is frozen during this seven-day period, the food container must also be marked in one of the following ways:

- After removal from the freezer and thawing, label consume or discard within 24 hours,
- Before food is placed in the freezer, label with the number of days refrigerated before freezing (including day of preparation). After removal from the freezer, label with consume or discard date. This date is seven days after the food is removed from the freezer; minus the number of days the food was refrigerated before freezing. (The day the food is removed from the freezer does not count as one of the seven days.)

Are You Checking Your Pool Correctly?

Did You Know? Each pool operator is required to send in monthly reports to the Health Department. Below are some testing tips.

What if my ranges are not within acceptable ranges?

- 1) Close pool immediately
- 2) Correct the problem and note corrections on monthly report

If ORP is below 650 or above 850:

Test	Whirlpool	Swimming Pool
Free Chlorine	4 times/day	2 times/day
Combined	Daily	Daily
pH	4 times/day	2 times/day
Alkalinity	1 time/week	1 time/week

If ORP is between 650-850:

Test	Whirlpool	Swimming Pool
Free Chlorine	1 time/day	1 time/day
Combined Chlorine	Daily	Daily
pH	1 time/day	1 time/day
Alkalinity	1 time/week	1 time/week

Acceptable Ranges:

Test	Whirlpool	Swimming Pool
Free Chlorine	3-10ppm	1-10ppm
Combined Chlo-	<1.0ppm	<1.0ppm
pH	7.2-7.8	7.2-7.8
Alkalinity	60-180	60-180

Permit and CFM in Public View

According to the Wisconsin Food Code your Permit and Certified Food Manger certification must be posted in public view.





Body Art The body art enforcement agency will be changing hands from Wisconsin Department of Human Services to the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). Lincoln County Health Department will still be issuing license and conducting inspections on these establishments.

New Campground Code

Effective February 1, 2016 the DHS approved a new campground code. If you are a campground operator please make sure to review the code DHS 178.

Noted Changes:

- Occupation can be 8 continuous months in 12 month period.
- Site designation with 2" sized alpha or numeric symbol.
- Map must be current and include sites, rentals and TRH's .
- Density: 20 sites per acre, 6 campers per site or 1 family.
- Sites-separation distance: 10' measured camping unit body to camping unit body excluding slide-outs (*was 10' between campsites*).
- New sites- separation distance measurement: 10' measured camper unit body to camper unit body.



Operator-Provided Rentals -NEW

- *Size*: Camping units not more than 400 square feet.
- *Smoke Detection*: One smoke detector required in each unit .
- *Carbon Monoxide Detection*: One CO detector in each unit with a fuel burning appliance.
- *Utensil Sanitization, Sinks*: New or remolded camping unit placed after 2-1-16 shall have a minimum 2 compartment sink .
- *Utensil Washing/Sanitizing Signage*: Operator may post a sign in lieu of washing/sanitizing utensils.
- *Sanitary Stations, Alternate Method of Disposal*: 20 or fewer sites- nearest sanitary station must be 25 or fewer miles from the campground with written agreement allowing use.
- *Extinguisher*: One ABC extinguisher shall be available in a campground office or other building (*modified language*).
- *Emergency Phone*: operator shall post signage directing campers to the nearest available emergency phone.
- *Manufactured Home Community License*: Operator shall obtain manufactured home community license from DSPS whenever 3 or more mobile or manufactured homes are located in a campground.

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

Licensing activities July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015	# Licensed	# Annual Inspections
DHS Restaurants	147	139
DATCP Retail Food	48	46
DPI School Inspections	23	23
Lodging	50	47
Pool/Whirlpool	15	15
Body Art and Body Piercing	4	4
Mobile Home Parks	8	8



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