# JOHNSTON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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# APPLICATION FOR A LIMITED FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

Operator (School, Town, etc.):	
Contact Person:	Phone:
Address:	
Email Address of Contact Person:	
Days and Hours of Operation (please a	ttach a schedule of games):
*STATEMENT: I hereby certify that the	above information is correct, and I fully understand that it prior approval from the Local Health Department may
Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Payment must be received in our office	it issued for a Limited Food Service Establishment. e prior to the inspection date. Money will not be taken at

Please submit this application and fee at least 7 days prior to the opening of the concession stand. Attached is an Employee Health Policy and a Vomit & Diarrhea Clean Up Policy, print both and keep for your records.

## The Application can be returned to our office in the following ways:

- Hand delivered to our office at the above listed address
- Mail to the above listed address using USPS, FedEx, UPS or other mail carrier service
- Submitted Electronically to <a href="mailto:ehapplications@johnstonnc.com">ehapplications@johnstonnc.com</a>

#### The fee can be submitted:

- Hand delivered to our office with this application
- Mailed in with this application
- Via Phone with a card at (919) 989-5180 once application is submitted

# Vomit & Diarrhea Clean-up Plan

## **PURPOSE**

In accordance with 2-501.11 of the FDA Food Code, "A food establishment must have written procedures to implement a plan for employees to follow when responding to vomiting or diarrheal events that involve the discharge of vomitus or fecal matter onto surfaces in the food establishment".

## ASSEMBLE A CLEAN-UP KIT

You can buy a kit from a supplier or assemble your own. Clean-up kits should contain personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies.

# **Basic Personal Protective Equipment**

# • Single-use gloves

• 1 disposable mask or other effective face covering • 1 disposable gown with sleeves

# **Basic Cleaning Supplies**

- Plastic garbage bags with seal or twist tie
- Paper towels
- Absorbent powder/solidifier (such as kitty litter or baking soda)
- Disinfectant\*\* \*\* Disinfectant:

# **Recommended Personal Protective Equipment**

- 1 pair of goggles
- 1 disposable hair cover
- 1 pair of disposable shoe covers

# **Recommended Cleaning Supplies**

- 1 scoop/scraper
- Drop cloth
- Caution tape (for marking contaminated area)
- Dedicated mop and bucket (disposable mop heads recommended)
- If using concentrated bleach (shown as 8.25% on the label), add 3/4 cups of bleach to 1 gallon of water.
- If using regular bleach, (shown as 5.25% on the label), add 1 cup of bleach to 1 gallon of water.
- Commercially prepared disinfectants effective against Norovirus can be used. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has a list of approved commercial disinfectants for reference.

## **BEFORE CLEAN UP BEGINS**

- Promptly remove ill customers, workers, and others from areas of food preparation, service, and storage.
- Contain a 25-30 feet area from the epicenter of the event to keep anyone not involved in clean up out of the area.
- Put on personal protective equipment. Anyone cleaning up vomit or diarrhea should at a minimum wear single-use gloves and a face mask or other effective covering.

## **CLEANING UP SURFACES**

Many types of surfaces can become contaminated when someone vomits or experiences diarrhea in the establishment. It is important to use the correct clean up procedure for the surfaces that are contaminated. Three types of surfaces common in food service establishments are:

- Hard surfaces (floors, tables, utensils)
- Soft surfaces that cannot be laundered (carpet and upholstered furniture)
- Soft surfaces that can be laundered (linens, towels, and clothing)

#### HARD SURFACES

#### **STEP 1: Cover**

• Cover the vomit or diarrhea with paper towels or an absorbent powder (such as cat litter) to soak up liquids.

#### **STEP 2: Remove**

• Remove the soaked paper towels or hardened powder with a scoop/scraper and carefully place them in a plastic bag.

#### STEP 3: Wash

- Prepare a solution of soapy water.
- Wash all surfaces contaminated with vomit or diarrhea with this solution. Include all nearby surfaces
  possibly splashed by vomit or diarrhea, such as chair legs, tables, walls, shelves, or counters within the
  containment area.
- Rinse the soapy water from all surfaces with clean water.

#### **STEP 4: Disinfect**

- Using paper towels <u>or</u> a mop with a washable or disposable mop head, saturate all washed surfaces with disinfectant. The disinfectant can be an approved commercially prepared solution, or a solution prepared in-house (see "Assemble a Clean-Up Kit").
- If using a disinfectant prepared in house, allow a minimum 10 minute contact time. If using a commercially prepared disinfectant, follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Rinse <u>all</u> food-contact surfaces with clean water after they have been disinfected. Wash, rinse, and sanitize these surfaces prior to using for food preparation.
- Non-food contact surfaces do not need to be rinsed.

# **CARPET AND UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE STEP 1: Cover**

• Cover the vomit or diarrhea with paper towels or an absorbent powder (such as cat litter) to soak up liquids.

### **STEP 2: Remove**

- Carefully remove the saturated paper towels or hardened powder with the scoop/scraper and place in a plastic bag.
- Never vacuum.

#### STEP 3: Wash

- Prepare a solution of soapy water.
- Wash all surfaces contaminated with vomit or diarrhea with this solution. Include all nearby surfaces
  possibly splashed by vomit or diarrhea, such as chair legs, tables, walls, shelves, or counters within the
  containment area.
- Rinse the soapy water from all surfaces with clean water.

#### **STEP 4: Disinfect**

- Steam clean the area for 5 minutes at a temperature of 170°F (76.7°C) (Not all steam cleaners can reach a temperature of 170°F (76.7°C), so check the manufacturer's specifications).
- Upholstered furniture that is soiled with vomit or diarrhea can also be disinfected with a bleach solution (described in "Assemble a Clean-Up Kit"), however the bleach will discolor the material.

# LINENS, TOWELS, AND CLOTHING

#### STEP 1: Contain

• Carefully place all washable contaminated items in a disposable bag to transport them to be laundered.

#### STEP 2: Wash

- Machine wash soiled items in a washing machine using hot water, laundry detergent and disinfectant.
- Wash with an effective disinfectant, bleach or other chemical, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

# STEP 3: Dry

• Dry the freshly-washed items in a dryer on the high-heat setting.

#### AFTER CLEAN UP

#### STEP 1: Remove

- Remove all personal protective equipment and place in the plastic bag. Do not touch any of the surfaces that were just cleaned as they can be re-contaminated. All personal protective equipment <u>must</u> be taken off before leaving the area that has just been cleaned.
- Place all used cleaning supplies, such as paper towels and disposable mop heads, in the plastic bag. Seal the bag with a twist tie or other effective method.
- Throw away all uncovered food in the contained area, as well as any food handled by the person who was sick.
- Remove all waste from the facility immediately following local, state, or federal rules.

## **STEP 2: Cleaning Mops and Scoops**

• Wash and disinfect mop handles and other reusable cleaning supplies, such as scoops/ scrapers, using the same steps used for hard surfaces.

### STEP 3: Wash hands

• Wash hands thoroughly before performing any other duties (food-handlers double-wash hands).

# TRAINING WORKERS ON CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES

- Identify who will be in charge of cleaning up after vomit and diarrhea events.
- Train selected workers on how to use personal protective equipment, wash and disinfect surfaces, and dispose of vomit and diarrhea.
- Training should take place when:
  - the vomit and diarrhea clean-up procedures are first written and put in place;
  - -new workers are hired;
  - -periodically as a review;
  - -and as vomit and diarrhea procedures are changed.
- Monitor clean-up employees for illness at least 48 hours after the incident. Exclude clean-up employees if they become symptomatic.

Please keep this document in the facility where it can be readily available for employees and the Regulatory Authority to reference.

# Food Employee Reporting Agreement

## **Reporting: Symptoms of Illness**

I agree to report to the Person in Charge (PIC) when I have:

- 1. Diarrhea
- 2. Vomiting
- 3. Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and/or eyes)
- 4. Sore throat with fever
- 5. Infected cuts or wounds, or lesions containing pus on the hand, wrist, an exposed body part (such as boils and infected wounds, however small).

Note: The PIC must report to the Health Department when an employee is jaundiced.

#### **Reporting: Diagnosed Illnesses**

I agree to report to the Person in Charge (PIC) when I have been diagnosed with:

- 1. Norovirus
- 2. Hepatitis A virus
- 3. Shigella spp. infection (shigellosis)
- 4. Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli (O157:H7 or other STEC infection)
- 5. Typhoid fever (caused by Salmonella Typhi)
- 6. Salmonella (nontyphoidal)

Note: The PIC must report to the Health Department when an employee has one of these illnesses.

#### **Reporting: Exposure of Illness**

I agree to report to the PIC when I have been exposed to any of the illnesses listed above through:

- 1. An outbreak of Norovirus, typhoid fever, shigellosis, E. coli O157:H7 or other STEC infection, or Hepatitis A.
- 2. A household member with Norovirus, typhoid fever, shigellosis, illness due to STEC, or Hepatitis A.
- 3. A household member attending or working in a setting experiencing a confirmed outbreak of Norovirus, typhoidfever, shigellosis, *E. coli* O157:H7 or other STEC infection, or Hepatitis A.

#### **Exclusion and Restriction from Work**

If you have any of the symptoms or illnesses listed above, you may be excluded\* or restricted\*\* from work.

- \*If you are excluded from work you are not allowed to come to work.
- \*\*If you are restricted from work you are allowed to come to work, but your duties may be limited.

#### **Returning to Work**

If you are excluded from work for having diarrhea and/or vomiting, you will not be able to return to work until: 1) more than 24 hours have passed since your last symptoms of diarrhea and/or vomiting, or 2) provide written medical documentation from a health practitioner indicating that the symptoms are from a noninfectious condition.

If you are excluded from work for exhibiting symptoms of Norovirus, *Salmonella* Typhi, nontyphoidal *Salmonella*, *Shigella* spp. infection, *E. coli* O157:H7 or other STEC infection, and/or Hepatitis A, you will not be able to return to work until approval from the Health Department is granted.

I have read (or had explained to me) and understand the requirements concerning my responsibilities under the Food Code and this agreement to comply with:

- 1. Reporting requirements specified above involving symptoms, diagnoses, and exposure specified;
- 2. Work restrictions or exclusions that are imposed upon me; and 3. Good hygienic practices.

I understand that failure to comply with the terms of this agreement could lead to action by the food establishment or the food Regulatory Authority that may jeopardize my employment and may involve legal action against me.

Employee Name (please pr	nt) Signature of Employee	Date
PIC Name (please print)	Signature of PIC	Date

# Common Foodborne Illnesses

#### E. Coli

Overview: A bacterium that can produce a deadly toxin and causes an estimated 70,000 cases of foodborne illnesses each year in the U.S.

Sources: Meat, especially undercooked or raw hamburger, produce and raw milk.

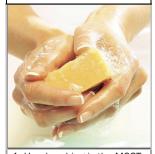
Incubation period: 2-10 days

Symptoms: Severe diarrhea, cramping, dehydration

 $Prevention: Cook \ implicated \ food \ to \ 155F, \ wash \ hands \ properly \ and \ frequently, \ correctly \ wash \ rinse \ and$ 

sanitize food contact surfaces.

# Prevention of Contamination by Hands



- Handwashing is the MOST CRITICAL control step in prevention of disease Invest 20 seconds to follow these 6 simple steps:
  - Wet your hands and arms with warm running water.
  - Apply soap and bring to a good lather.
  - 3. Scrub hands and arms vigorously for 10 to 15 seconds (clean under nails and between fingers).
  - Rinse hands and arms thoroughly under running water.
  - 5. Dry hands and arms with a single-use paper towel or warm-air hand dryer.
  - Use the towel to turn off faucets and open door handles so you don't recontaminate your hands
- 2. Don't go to work when you are sick
- 3. No bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods.

### Shigella

Overview: Shigella is a bacterium that causes an estimated 450,000 cases of diarrhea illnesses each year.

Poor hygiene causes Shigella to be easily passed from person to person.

Sources: Salad, milk, dairy products, and unclean water.

Incubation period: 1-7 days

Symptoms: Diarrhea, stomach cramps, fever, chills and dehydration

Prevention: Wash hands properly and frequently, especially after using the restroom, wash vegetables

thoroughly.

### Salmonella (nontyphoidal)

Overview: Salmonella is a bacterium responsible for millions of cases of foodborne illnesses a year. The elderly, infants, and individuals with impaired immune systems are at risk for severe illness. Death can occur if the person is not treated promptly with antibiotics.

Sources: Raw and undercooked eggs, undercooked poultry and meat, dairy products, seafood, fruits and vegetables

Incubation period: 5-72 hours (up to 16 days has been documented for low doses)

Symptoms: Nausea, vomiting, cramps, and fever

Prevention: Cook all food to proper temperatures, chill food rapidly, and eliminate sources of cross-

contamination (i.e. proper meat storage, proper washing,

rinsing, and sanitizing procedures)

### Salmonella Typhi (Typhoid fever)

Overview: Salmonella Typhi is the bacterium that causes Typhoid fever and is responsible for an estimated 430 cases each year. This illness is caused by eating or drinking food or water contaminated with feces from an infected person.

Incubation period: Generally 1 to 3 weeks, but may be as long as 2 months after exposure.

Sources: Ready to eat food, water, and beverages.

Symptoms: High fever, from 103°F to 104°F; lethargy; gastrointestinal symptoms, including abdominal pains and diarrhea or constipation; headache; achiness; loss of

appetite. A rash of flat, rose-colored spots sometimes occurs. Symptoms typically last 2 to 4 weeks.

Prevention: Excluding sick food workers, practicing good personal hygiene, preventing cross-contamination, and cooking food to the required final cook temperatures.

#### Hepatitis A

Overview: Hepatitis A is a liver disease caused by the Hepatitis A virus. Hepatitis A can affect anyone. In the United States, Hepatitis A can occur in situations ranging from isolated cases of disease to widespread epidemics.

Incubation period: 15-50 days

Symptoms: Jaundice, nausea, diarrhea, fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, cramps Prevention: Wash hands properly and frequently, especially after using the restroom.

#### Norovirus

Overview: This virus is the leading cause of diarrhea in the United States. Any food can be contaminated with norovirus if handled by someone who is infected with the virus. This virus is highly infectious.

Incubation period: 6-48 hours

Symptoms: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and cramps

Prevention: Wash hands properly and frequently, especially after using the restroom: obtain food from a reputable food source: and wash vegetables thoroughly.