

# Cleaning and Sanitizing Food Contact Surfaces SOP

(High Temperature Dishwasher)

**PURPOSE:** To prevent foodborne illness by ensuring that all food contact surfaces are properly cleaned and sanitized.

**SCOPE:** This procedure applies to foodservice employees involved in washing, rinsing, and sanitizing food contact surfaces.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Train foodservice employees on using the procedures in this SOP.
2. Follow the Administrative Rules of Montana, Title 37, Chapter 110, Subchapter 2, requirements.
3. Follow manufacturer's instructions regarding the use and maintenance of equipment and use of chemicals for cleaning and sanitizing food contact surfaces.
4. Wash, rinse, and sanitize food contact surfaces of sinks, tables, equipment, utensils, thermometers, carts, and equipment:
  - Before each use
  - Between uses when preparing different types of raw animal foods, such as eggs, fish, meat, and poultry
  - Between uses when preparing ready-to-eat foods and raw animal foods, such as eggs, fish, meat, and poultry
  - Any time contamination occurs or is suspected
5. For the high temperature dish machine:
  - Check with the dish machine manufacturer to verify that the information on the data plate is correct.
  - Refer to the information on the data plate for determining wash, rinse, and sanitization (final) rinse temperatures; sanitizing solution concentrations; and water pressures, if applicable.
  - Follow manufacturer's instructions for use.
  - Ensure that food contact surfaces reach a surface temperature of **160F** or above when using hot water to sanitize.

## MONITORING

1. During all hours of operation, visually and physically inspect food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils to ensure that the surfaces are clean.
2. For the dish machine, on a daily basis:
  - Visually monitor that the water and the interior parts of the machine are clean and free of debris.
  - Continually monitor the temperature and pressure gauges, if applicable, to ensure that the machine is operating according to the data plate.
3. A minimum dishwashing temperature of 160F will be verified by:

Choose One Option

**CORRECTIVE ACTION:**

1. Retrain any foodservice employee found not following the procedures in this SOP.
2. Wash, rinse, and sanitize dirty food contact surfaces. Sanitize food contact surfaces if it is discovered that the surfaces were not properly sanitized. Discard food that comes in contact with food contact surfaces that have not been sanitized properly.
3. For the dish machine:
  - Drain and refill the machine periodically and as needed to keep the water clean.
  - Contact the appropriate individual(s) to have the machine repaired if the machine is not reaching the proper wash or rinse temperature indicated on the data plate.
  - For the dish machine, retest by running the machine again. If the appropriate surface temperature is still not achieved on the second run, contact the appropriate individual(s) to have the machine repaired. Wash, rinse, and sanitize in the 3-compartment sink until the machine is repaired or use disposable single service/single-use items. The dish machine may not be used if it is not reaching the approved temperature that is indicated on the data plate.

**VERIFICATION AND RECORD KEEPING:**

The foodservice manager will verify that foodservice employees have taken the required temperatures by visually monitoring foodservice employees during the shift and confirming their results.

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