

# Cleaning and Sanitizing Food Contact Surfaces

## (Chemical Sanitizing 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 cleaning and sanitizing food contact surfaces.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Train foodservice employees on using the procedures in this SOP.
2. Follow the Washoe County Health District's 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. Wash, rinse, and sanitize food contact surfaces of sinks, tables, equipment, utensils, thermometers, carts, and equipment using the following procedure:
  - Wash surface with detergent solution.
  - Rinse surface with clean water.
  - Sanitize surface using a sanitizing solution mixed at a concentration specified on the manufacturer's label.
  - Place wet items in a manner to allow air drying.
6. For the 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 rinse temperatures; sanitizing solution concentrations; and water pressures, if applicable.
  - Follow manufacturer's instructions for use.

**MONITORING:**

Foodservice employees will:

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, daily:
  - 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.
  - Check the sanitizer concentration on a recently washed food-contact surface by using a chlorine test kit. The chlorine concentration of the rinse should be 50 to 100 parts per million. Use the reference colors on the test kit to determine if the proper concentration has been reached.

**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 a chemical sanitizing dish machine, check the level of sanitizer remaining in bulk container. Fill, if needed. “Prime” the machine according to the manufacturer’s instructions to ensure that the sanitizer is being pumped through
  - If the dish machine is not dispensing the approve concentration of sanitizer, 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 dispensing the required concentration of sanitizer.

**VERIFICATION AND RECORD KEEPING:**

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

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