Preparing for a Virtual Food Safety Assessment

We are offering virtual food safety assessments (non-scored and will not affect your food safety rating placard) to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Below is a list of supplies and information that will help you prepare for the visit. Feel free to contact your inspector if you have any questions.

Introduction email sent to food service operators about the virtual food safety assessment

Inspector schedules the assessment with you and confirms the video conferencing platform

Discuss food safety topics and check temperatures At the end of the assessment, your inspector will email a copy of the report to you

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

Contact your inspector if you have any questions

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

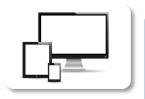


Fig 1.Communication Tools

VIDEO CONFERENCING TOOLS

Set up video conferencing app such as Facetime, Google Duo, Zoom or Skype. Consider using earbuds or a headset to reduce ambient noise.



CLEANING AND SANITIZING PROCESSES

Ensure the appropriate test kits are available such as chlorine or quaternary ammonium.



THERMOMETERS REQUIRED

Depending on your menu, have a dial stem thermometer (for thick foods) or a digital metal probe (for thin foods). Your inspector will have you check the temperatures of hot/cold foods. Have sanitizing solution or alcohol wipes to sanitize probe.

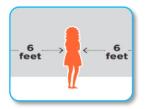
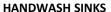


Fig 3. Social distancing

SOCIAL DISTANCING PLANRemind customers to stand at least 6 feet apart.



All handwash sinks must have hot water (at least 100°F), soap and paper towels. Your inspector will have you check the temperature of the water at the handsink.



More information can be found on the FDA website https://www.fda.gov/media/77864/download

Fig. 2 Handsink with soap and paper towels

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