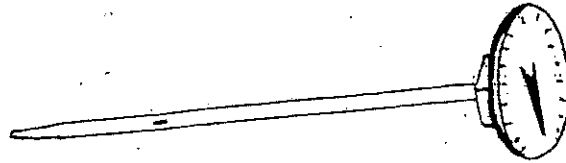


THERMOMETERS, SANITIZERS, AND TEST KITS

STEM-TYPE THERMOMETERS:

An NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) listed stem-type thermometer with a temperature range of 0°-220°F shall be provided. It is used to be sure that proper internal cooking temperatures are reached; foods are kept warm to the proper temperature, and chilled foods are kept to proper low temperatures.



SANITIZING SOLUTIONS:

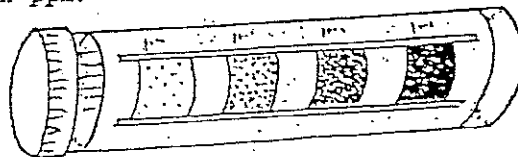
All multi-use utensils and preparation surfaces which come in contact with potentially hazardous foods must be sanitized. Either a spray bottle of sanitizing solution or a wipe-on sanitizer is acceptable.

The three approved chemical solutions used are listed below with the appropriate strengths in ppm (parts per million). Ppm is determined by comparison of a test strip which has been wet by the solution against the color or shade of color on a standard color chart which accompanies the sanitizer test kit.

CHEMICAL	STRENGTH
Chlorine <i>Approximately 1/4 capful (about 5 drops) of household bleach (5.25% solution) in 16 ounces of water will produce a 50 ppm solution of chlorine sanitizer.</i>	50 ppm
Iodine	12.5 ppm
Quaternary Ammonia	200 ppm

SANITIZER TEST KITS

Test kits must be provided and regularly used to ensure that sanitizing solutions are mixed to the proper concentrations. These kits contain chemically treated paper strips which change to different colors or shades depending on the concentration of chemical sanitizer present. They indicate the concentration in ppm.



ALL EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THIS INFORMATION AND KNOW THE LOCATIONS OF THESE ITEMS IN THE KITCHEN.

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