


Policy Placard Issuance

 DEPARTMENT OF <b>PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS</b>	<b>POLICY</b> Placard Issuance	
Supersedes:	ABC Placard Policy	
Lead Division	Environmental Division	
Division Administrator Approval	<i>Comigroble</i>	Date: <i>6-7-19</i>

**I. PURPOSE:**

This policy establishes a standardized method for issuing the correct placard to a food service establishment based on their most recent regular inspection score.

**II. REFERENCES:**

902 KAR 45:005 Kentucky Food Code

Louisville & Jefferson County Board of Health Sanitary Code 400 Food Service Inspection Results Placard

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**III. DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS:**

FSE: food service establishment

Food Service Establishment: a facility that holds a permit as a type 605 food establishment or a type 607 combination food establishment/retail food store.

Imminent Health Hazard: a significant threat or danger to health that is considered to exist when there is evidence sufficient to show that a product, practice, circumstance, or event creates a situation that requires immediate correction or cessation of operation to prevent injury.

Placard: a document which provides to the public information concerning the inspection report and rating score of the food service establishment for which it was issued.

Priority violation: noncompliance with a provision in the Kentucky Food Code whose application contributes directly to the elimination, prevention or reduction to an acceptable level, hazards associated with foodborne illness or injury and there is no other provision that more directly controls the hazard.

**IV. AUDIT FREQUENCY:**

This policy will be reviewed annually.

**V. APPLICABILITY:**

This policy is applicable to all food service establishments that are required to post an inspection results placard and to all staff in the Environmental Division of LMPHW who are tasked with ensuring compliance.

**VI. PROTOCOL:**

A food service establishment shall be issued a placard at the conclusion of each scored inspection except for an opening inspection or a survey inspection.

The "A" placard is issued to a food service establishment that passes its regular inspection with a score of 85-100 with no priority violations. The "A" placard shall remain posted until the next regular inspection.

The "B" placard is issued to a FSE that has failed 2 consecutive inspections prior to passing the most recent follow-up inspection. It is also issued to a FSE that was ordered to close due to an imminent public health hazard or failed its regulation inspection with a score of less than 60. The "B" placard will be posted after the food service establishment passes the follow-up inspection and is re-opened. The "B" placard shall remain posted for a minimum of 3 months and not more than 6 months. A regular inspection must be conducted within 3-6 months of the re-opening and the applicable placard posted.

The "C" placard is issued to a food service establishment that fails its regular inspection due to one or more priority violations or fails its regular inspection with a score below 85. The "C" placard must be posted for a minimum of seven (7) days and not more than ten (10) days. A follow-up inspection must be conducted within 7-10 days of the failed regular inspection and the applicable placard posted.

The Director of Health or his/her designee shall remove and re-post the applicable placard following an inspection.

A food service establishment that fails 2 consecutive regular inspections or fails both a regular inspection and the follow-up inspection will be assigned to an increased inspection frequency. An FSE that fails 3 consecutive inspections will be subject to a state hearing and a notice of intent to suspend their permit to operate.

Facilities that move, remove, alter, deface or conceal from public view the "B" or "C" placard posted pursuant to Chapter 400 Sanitary code shall be required to post the placard for an additional 7 days from the date the placard was found to be moved, removed, altered, defaced or concealed.

**ANNEXES:**

**ANNEX A:** Sanitary Code 400 Food Service Inspection Results Placard

**ANNEX B:** PlacardPlacement\_SOG\_ENV\_20190529