

Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness Food Safety Program

ABC Placards

A = 85-100% with No Critical Violations

B = To include **ALL** facilities that have failed 2 regular consecutive inspections, failed a follow-up inspection, or was closed during the regular inspection due to imminent public health violations.

C = 84% or below to include **ALL** inspections with critical violations.

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

A placard – Green - Acknowledges safe food handling practices and designates a facility meets the requirements of The Kentucky State Food Code without critical violations. The *A placard* shall remain posted until the next routine inspection.

B placard – Blue - Indicates the facility has failed 2 consecutive inspections prior to passing the most recent follow-up. The B placard may also represent that a facility was recently closed due to imminent public health violations, then re-inspected and opened after passing a follow-up inspection. This facility has not shown due regard for public health. The *B placard* shall remain posted until the facility passes their next regular inspection. **A facility that fails two (2) consecutive regular inspections will be under administrative review.**

C placard– Red - Indicates that a food service facility has failed to meet minimum requirements of The Kentucky State Food Code upon the most recent inspection. This will include a score with any critical violations. The *C placard* shall be placed for a minimum of seven (7) days and not more than ten (10) days. A follow-up inspection must be conducted and the applicable placard posted.

A facility that is closed by the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness for imminent public health violations, regardless of the numeric score, will be required to post a B placard after passing the next follow-up inspection. The B placard will be posted regardless of the passing numeric score. The B placard must be displayed until the next routine inspection.

A facility that is placed on an increased inspection interval due to failing inspections or failure to maintain food safety within the establishment must keep posted the placard that was given during the regular routine inspection. The placard will not be changed with each additional inspection; it will only change at routine inspection intervals.

Mobile Food Service establishments that fail a regular inspection and/or follow-up inspection are required to provide to the Department of Public Health and Wellness an operational schedule for the 10 days following the date of failure.

Facilities which are required to post placards, pursuant to Chapter 400 of the Board of Health Sanitary Code, include: Food Service Establishments (605) and Retail Food Establishments (607) which are defined in Chapter 400 and KRS 217.015.

Facilities that move, remove, alter, deface or conceal from public view the placard posted pursuant to Chapter 400 Sanitary code shall be required to post the placard for an additional 10 days from the date the placard was found to be moved, removed, altered, defaced or concealed.