

Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC)

Applicant Name _____ Permit # _____

Establishment Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Per the Retail Food Ordinance, Section 3-16, it is a requirement that standard Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC) procedures be approved by CUPHD/CCPHD before use by a food establishment. CUPHD/CCPHD must evaluate the proposed methods of using TPHC on a food establishment-by-food establishment basis to determine what food(s) is using time without temperature control as a public health control, if there are adequate written procedures (including disposition procedures) to meet the Food Code, and during an inspection, if their procedures correspond to the real-time inspection observations and measurements. This additional requirement is to minimize the occurrence of foodborne illness and a top foodborne illness risk factor, Improper Holding/Time and Temperature, on the citizens and guests in our jurisdiction.

The Illinois Food Code, Section 3-501.19, states that time only, rather than time in conjunction with food temperature, can be used as a public health control for a working supply of TCS (time-temperature control for safety) food or for ready-to-eat TCS food that is displayed or held for service.

Reason(s) for using time alone as a control (i.e., why can you not use temperature as a control?):

(Application continued on reverse side → →)

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	YES	NO
Applicant has provided a written procedure about how they will use time as a control.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant has provided justification for using time as a control.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant has addressed public health risks that may result from approval of this request.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant serves (specifically raw eggs) to a highly susceptible population.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Request reviewed by: _____ Director review (required): _____

Recommendation: Approved Rescinded Denied Date: _____

Comments: _____

Requirement:

Identify specific food(s) that will be held utilizing time only as a public health control and the maximum time (four hours or six hours).

Proposed Procedure:

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Identify specific locations the above listed foods will be held while utilizing time only as a public health control.

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Identify the point at which time only as a public health control will begin for each identified food.

Proposed Procedure:

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Indicate the manner in which the time limit will be marked for each identified food (maximum four hours or six hours).

Proposed Procedure:

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Using time only as a public health control allows food to be sold without temperature control for up to four (4) hours or six (6) hours (Food Code 3-501.18). The food must be properly cooked and/or cooled before being able to use time as a control.

What do I need to be able to use time as a public health control?

To be able to use time as a public health control, you will need to complete both sides of the “Time as a Public Health Control” form and submit it to the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District/Champaign County Public Health Department. After submission of the form, it will be reviewed and your inspector will contact you about the circumstances of using time as a public health control.

When can time as a public health control be used?

Time as a public health control can be used for the following:

- A working supply of TCS (time-temperature control for safety) food before cooking & service.
- Ready-to-eat, TCS food that is displayed or held for sale or service (i.e., pizza slices displayed for sale).
- With prior CUPHD/CCPHD approval as indicated on the attached form.

When must food be discarded?

After four (4) hours or six (6) hours from the initial removal from temperature control, food shall be discarded. No food may be reused.

Food must also be discarded if:

- It is displayed/held in unmarked containers or packages.
- It is improperly marked.

What if I have more questions?

Contact the Environmental Health Division at the number listed below.