

# Time as a Public Health Control

Based on the FDA Model Food Code, Section 3-501.19 and PA Chapter 46 (Food Code)

## Facility information

Facility name: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Requirements based on time length chosen

### 4-Hour Option

- The food must begin at 41°F or below; or 135°F or above. (Cut tomatoes, pancake batter and waffle batter may begin at any temperature.)
- Food must be disposed when the food has reached the 4-hour time limit. Food cannot be reused.

### 6-Hour Option

- The food must begin at 41°F or below. (Cut tomatoes may begin at any temperature below 70°F.)
- The food may not rise above 70°F while held using time as a public health control.
- Temperatures of the food must be taken periodically to ensure the food does not rise above 70°F or the food must be held in equipment that has an ambient air temperature cold enough to maintain the food at 70°F or below.
- Food that rises above 70°F must be disposed immediately. Food must be disposed when the food has reached the 6-hour time limit. Food cannot be reused.

## Food that will be held under time control

Food product(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Identification

- The foods must be identified to indicate when the time control begins and when the time limit expires (4 hours or 6 hours). Foods that are not identified must be discarded immediately. Identification can be a label, log, or other effective means.

Identification method (label, tape, laminated cards, log, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

## Disposal time

Amount of time product will be under time as control: \_\_\_\_\_

If 6-hour time as control, explain how temperature will be monitored: \_\_\_\_\_

## Regulations requirements

- Management shall maintain written procedures at the above location and shall provide it to the Bethlehem Health Bureau upon request.

I agree to follow the procedures outlined above and understand that failure to do so may result in a documented violation of Pennsylvania Chapter 46 (Food Code).

Operator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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