

# Utensil Sanitation Guidelines

This has been created to provide clarification and guidance regarding how operators of licensed lodging establishments can achieve comparable compliance of Wisconsin Administrative Code DATCP 72.11(3)(a).

Wisconsin Administrative Code DATCP 72.11(3)(a) states “Whenever multi-use glasses, ice buckets or other utensils are provided for a guest, the items shall be washed, rinsed and sanitized in an approved manner before being provided for use by a different guest. Utensils, when furnished, shall be free of cracks or chips. The food-content surfaces shall be smooth, nontoxic, corrosion-resistant, nonabsorbent and easily accessible for cleaning.”

- 1) Operators shall post a sign that states:

**"Food and beverage utensils have been provided in this unit as a guest convenience. They have not been sanitized. It is recommended that you wash with a detergent, rinse with clean water and sanitize utensils before their use.**

**To sanitize, after rinsing, add 1 teaspoon of unscented bleach per gallon of clean water and immerse utensils for a minimum of 30 seconds, then air dry".**

- 2) The sign shall be easily legible and posted in a conspicuous location for guests to see.
- 3) The bleach shall be stored along with other cleaning products in the original, labeled container and out of reach of young children.
- 4) Operators must, at minimum, wash with soap and water any utensils left out after each guest stay and wash any visibly soiled and dirty utensils in the cabinets, drawers or cupboards.
- 5) Upon inspection, the operators shall be able to demonstrate full knowledge of their utensil washing practices with the sanitarian.

If any of these requirements are not met, a violation shall be issued during routine and other health inspections and the operator shall be given orders to comply with DATCP 72 or follow the guidelines set forth in this memo.

This does not apply to continental breakfast areas or other kitchen facilities available to multiple groups at a time. The memo only applies to units where a kitchen or kitchenette is available only to one family group during the stay.

Please contact the department if you have any questions or concerns.