



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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DATCP Continuing Manufactured Food Facility, Warehouse Inspections

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Manufactured Foods Services Section is continuing operations and [began modified inspections the week of June 15, 2020](#). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all manufactured food staff have been following state emergency orders while continuing to support the manufactured food industry and food warehouses.

A work plan has been developed with the goal of providing a consistent and measured approach. This approach is based on a combination of the Association of Food and Drug Officials Inspection Priority Guidance and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines.

During the next work phase, modified inspections of manufactured food facilities and food warehouses will continue. DATCP will complete onsite inspections of any facilities that previously were licensed after an electronic, or virtual, inspection. DATCP also will address compliance actions taken before the pandemic. As with the previous phase, when possible, inspections will be scheduled in advance. Staff may request electronic records in advance of and during the course of inspections in an effort to minimize the amount of time staff need to be onsite at your facility.

It is important to understand that DATCP is taking measures to protect both staff and industry personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff are issued personal protective equipment, including face coverings, which will be worn throughout the duration of an onsite inspection. As much as possible, staff will maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, practice appropriate personal hygiene, refrain from bringing all but essential equipment into the facilities, and follow Department guidelines for sanitizing work equipment. We also ask that industry personnel maintain social distancing, wear face coverings, and limit the number of plant personnel accompanying us during inspections.

Should you have any questions regarding the rollout, please contact your DATCP environmental health sanitarian or their supervisor directly. DATCP requests your assistance by sharing this plan with others in industry who may not receive this notice.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work together to protect public health through this pandemic.



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