

TIME IN LIEU OF TEMPERATURE: 4-HOUR PROCEDURE AND 6-HOUR PROCEDURE (COLD FOODS)

4-Hour Procedure:

- ◆ Written procedures shall be prepared in *advance*, maintained in the facility, made available to the Licensors upon request *and* be licensed as a Risk Class IV food operation.
- ◆ Food shall have an initial temperature of **41° F** or less when removed from cold holding temperature control *or* **135° F** or greater when removed from hot holding temperature control.
- ◆ Food containers shall be marked or otherwise identified to indicate the time that is 4-hours past the point in time when the food is removed from temperature control.
- ◆ The food shall be:
 - ◇ Cooked and served;
 - ◇ Served at any temperature if ready-to-eat; or,
 - ◇ *Discarded within 4-hours from the point in time when the food was removed from temperature control.*
- ◆ Food in unmarked containers/packages *or* marked to exceed a 4-hour time limit shall be discarded.

6-Hour Procedure (cold foods):

- ◆ Written procedures shall be prepared in *advance*, maintained in the facility, made available to the Licensors upon request *and* be licensed as a Risk Class IV food operation.
- ◆ Food shall have an *initial* temperature of **41° F** or less when removed from temperature control *and* may not exceed **70° F** within a maximum time period of 6-hours.
- ◆ Food shall be monitored to ensure warmest portion of the food does not exceed **70° F** during the 6-hour period.
- ◆ Food containers shall be marked or otherwise identified to indicate:
 - ◇ Time when the food was removed from **41° F** or less cold holding temperature;
 - ◇ The time that is 6-hours past the point in time when the food is removed from cold holding temperature control.
- ◆ The food shall be:
 - ◇ *Discarded if the food temperature exceeds 70° F;* and
 - ◇ Cooked and served, served at any temperature if ready-to-eat, or discarded within a maximum time of 6-hours from point in time food was removed from **41° F** cold holding temperature.
- ◆ Food in unmarked containers/packages *or* marked with a time that exceeds the 6-hour time limit shall be discarded.