



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Florence County Health Department
Florence, Wisconsin

INSPECTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Quarterly Update

DATCP

- FCHD is in the midst of another permit cycle of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Fiscal year 2023-2024. This program runs July 1- June 30 each year.
- There continues to be county-wide establishment updates, including an increase in short term rentals!
- As of this quarter, the total number of Tourist Rooming Houses (Airbnb/VRBO) licensed in Florence County is 44.



DNR

- The 2023 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Drinking Water and Groundwater Program inspection cycle is nearing the end for this year. The program manages activities that affect the safety, quality and availability of drinking water to protect public health and water resources. These include restaurants, campgrounds, town houses and churches not on the public water system. The DNR Drinking Water and Groundwater Program runs calendar year (Jan-Dec).
- During annual DNR inspections, FCHD staff collect drinking water. Samples are tested for bacteria and nitrate.



REMINDER for RETAIL FOOD OWNERS & OPERATORS!

Don't let your Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certificate expire! Contact NWTC in Aurora at 715-589-2768 to schedule the course.

Looking for a way to get involved?

As a facility owner in Florence County, you can contribute ideas to improve your industry and/or facility! Or if you just have question for your county sanitarian-

Contact us!

Amber Kolberg- Registered Sanitarian (akolberg@florencecountywi.gov) at the Florence County Health Department or call 715.528.3428



WHATS NEW

The state of Wisconsin, DACTP, has revised the Wisconsin Pool Code (ATCP 76)

As of September 24, 2023, Wisconsin pools will notice a few changes to the code, including but not limited to licensing, variances, trends in water recreation (splash pads, dog pools, etc.), death/illness/injury addressed, restriction during maintenance, and fee structure updates.

With the revisions, license fees will be based on complexity and features of the pools (for example, how many basins or slides). Florence County's Registered Sanitarian will complete an assessment with pool operators at their next routine inspection or before renewals come out in May 2024.

For more information, visit [DATCP Home Public Swimming Pools](#).

Florence County Establishments Continue to GROW! Let's welcome these new licensed establishment operators:

Long Lake General Store in Long Lake, new owner Brandy Zegar

LBN Foods transient mobile unit in Florence, owner Cindy Schnieder

Adorable Ellwood Lake House in Spread Eagle, owner David McCash

Heaven's Hideaway in Spread Eagle, owner Linda Butterfield

Chrysalis Confections in Aurora, owner Sarah Hess



How well do you know your drinking water system?

Options to protect your water system



Backflow preventer- allows water to flow in one direction; from your home water supply but prevents it from flowing back into the water supply. This is one way to prevent contamination. One end allows for the hookup of a hose.



Air gap- space between the end of a pipe and the start of another it is draining into (at least 1" of space). Creates a separation between the water supply and potentially contaminated water.



To view retail food establishment inspections in Florence County, visit <http://healthspace.com/Clients/WI/Florence/Web.nsf/home.xsp>