

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Florence County Health Department

Florence, Wisconsin

INSPECTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Quarterly Update

DATCP

- We are in the middle of the 2025-2026 permit cycle for the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) program. This program runs July 1-June 30 each year.
- As of this quarter, the total number of Tourist Rooming Houses (Airbnb/VRBO) licensed in Florence County is 41.
- Establishments will notice a slight permit fee increase over the next couple years. As an agent for the state, we increase fees as the state increases fees to offset the program costs.



DNR

- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Drinking Water and Groundwater Program inspection cycle has ended for the 2025 year. The program manages activities that affect the safety, quality and availability of drinking water to protect public health and water resources. The 41 Florence County systems include restaurants, campgrounds, town halls and churches not on the public water system. The DNR Drinking Water and Groundwater Program runs calendar year (Jan-Dec).



Florence County Establishments Continue to GROW! Let's welcome this new licensed operator:

North Haven Homestead, operates out of NWTC in Aurora, owner Alix Loker



For Wisconsin Food Code resources, visit [DATCP Home Food Code Fact Sheets](#)

Update coming to ATCP 72; Hotels, Motels and Tourist Rooming Houses

Wisconsin DATCP is in the final stages of code revisions to ATCP 72; Hotels, Motels and Tourist Rooming Houses (AirBnb/VRBO). Updates are related to code requirements, fees and annual water testing. A summary of changes can be obtained from the Florence County Health Department and will be sent (email/mail) to operators at the end of January. Watch for the communication to come!



Lodging Menu Book

An updated version of the menu book will be coming out soon. This includes menus of Florence County establishments that serve food, drinks or snacks. Please provide the book for your lodging guests to read through to support local businesses! Inside the book contains a QR code to each establishment's social media page (Facebook, Instagram or website). Keeping your online presence up-to-date is key!

Retail Food

4-302.14 Sanitizing Solutions, Testing Devices.

A test kit or other device that accurately measures the concentration in mg/L of SANITIZING solutions shall be provided. ^{Pf}

The Wisconsin Food Code requires retail food establishments to provide and use testing devices for measuring the concentration of the sanitizing solution. Most solutions used are a chlorine or quaternary-based disinfectant for surfaces, equipment, dishes, etc. The test strip needed is dependent on the solution used. Ask your distributor for the correct test strip and measure the concentration routinely to assure your customers are safe. Note, test strips expire, so the ones you have may be out-of-date. If you change disinfectant, change test strips. All employees in your establishment should know where test strips are and how to use them.

Annual Permit for all Establishments!

DATCP permit renewals go out in May, so watch the mail and be sure to send payment in by 6/30/2026 to avoid a late fee. If there are any changes, let us know by calling or texting 715-528-3428.



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