



Advisory

From: Johnny Diloné, 602-506-6611
Date:
Re: Proposed Indoor Playground Regulations

Environmental Services Department conducts Indoor Playground Stakeholders Public Meetings

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department is conducting public meetings to review proposed regulations related to Indoor Playgrounds that are located within permitted food establishments.

The proposed regulations (see Draft below) address requirements for routine cleaning of indoor playgrounds, hand washing provisions for the users of the indoor playgrounds, and appropriate action required when situations where a fecal or vomit accident has occurred within the indoor playground.

If you have questions regarding how the proposed Indoor Playground regulations will affect your interaction with the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department, please attend the stakeholder/public meeting.

WHEN: Thursday, June 7, 2012
WHERE: Maricopa County Environmental Services Department
Northern Regional Office – Training Facility
15023 N. 75th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260
(75th St./Butherus in Scottsdale Airpark)
TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Thank you for your participation in the process. Your input is very valuable to us.

For additional information, visit: esd.maricopa.gov or call (602) 506-6611.



MARICOPA COUNTY HEALTH CODE

CHAPTER XV

INDOOR PLAYGROUNDS

SECTION 1

REGULATION 1. Definitions

“Indoor Playground” means a permanent play structure, such as an indoor jungle gym, designed for the exclusive use of children and is in the premises of a permitted food establishment as defined in Chapter VIII section 1 of this Code.

“Disinfection” For purposes of this chapter, the term is equivalent to “sanitization,” as defined in Chapter VIII, section 2 of this Code.

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REGULATION 2. Handwashing Facilities

- a. A permanent sign shall be provided with at least 1/2 inch lettering that is clearly visible to the public from the indoor playground area. The sign shall include general instructions for washing hands and shall state: “Adults are encouraged to have children wash their hands after using the indoor playground and prior to eating. For violations pertaining to cleanliness, contact Maricopa County Environmental Services Department (602) 506-6616 ”
- b. Handwashing facilities must be provided and available for use by the public in the establishment. The handwashing facilities must be supplied with hot and cold water, hand soap, and hand drying provisions.
- c. If handwashing facilities are not immediately available in the playground area, an instant hand sanitizer must be provided near the indoor playground.

REGULATION 3. Cleaning and Maintenance

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- a. Indoor playground surfaces that have come into contact with users shall be cleaned and sanitized at least once per shift or as often as necessary to preclude accumulation of soil residues and reduce the accumulation of disease causing organisms.
- b. The same chemical system used for cleaning and sanitizing all surfaces in the food establishment shall be used to clean and sanitize the indoor playground. Chemicals used for cleaning and sanitizing of the indoor playground surfaces must be used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- c. When vomiting and/or fecal accidents occur in or around the indoor playground, the following procedures must be followed:
 1. The indoor playground area must be closed immediately.
 2. Disposable gloves must be worn during cleaning. A disposable mask and cover gown (or apron) must be worn when cleaning liquid material.
 3. The material must be wiped with towels and must be disposed in a plastic garbage bag.
 4. The affected area must be must be cleaned and disinfected with a chlorine solution to eliminate viral organisms.
 5. Allow to air dry.
 6. Discard gloves and cover gown (or apron) in a plastic bag.
- d. All cleaning utensils and materials must be discarded properly according to law and must not enter the food preparation areas.
- e. Alternative methods for disinfection/sanitization may be considered in consultation with the Department.
- f. Items used in maintaining and cleaning of indoor playground surfaces shall be separated from those used in the food preparation areas and used only in one area or the other.



(Proposed sign :)

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