Advisory

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

Environmental Services Department conducts Indoor Play Area Stakeholder Public Meeting

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department is conducting a follow-up public meeting to review proposed regulations related to Indoor Play Areas that are located within permitted food establishments.

The proposed regulations address requirements for routine cleaning of Indoor Play Areas, hand washing provisions for the users of the Indoor Play Areas, and appropriate action required when situations where a fecal or vomit accident has occurred within the Indoor Play Area.

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

WHEN: Thursday, August 23, 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.

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MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE

CHAPTER XIV

INDOOR PLAY AREA

SECTION 1

REGULATION 1. Definitions

a. “Indoor Play Area” is defined as any indoor play components (manufactured or natural), designed and constructed for children including but not limited to ground level and elevated play structures, such as tunnels, slides, platforms, ladders, stairs, steps, nets, ropes, inflatables, trampolines, webbing, accessories and other soft contained play equipment.

REGULATION 2. Applicability

This chapter is applicable to an Indoor Play Area on the premises of a permitted Food Establishment as defined in Chapter VIII Section 1 of this Code when the primary function of the business or facility is food service to the general public.

REGULATION 3. Hand Sanitizer Required

a. A permanent sign shall be posted that is clearly visible to the public from the Indoor Play Area. The sign shall state that customers are prohibited from taking food into, or eating food on structures in the Indoor Play Area.

b. An affixed station or kiosk with instant hand sanitizer or sanitized hand wipes must be provided within the immediate vicinity of the indoor play area.

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REGULATION 4. Cleaning

a. Indoor Play Area surfaces that have come in contact with users shall be cleaned of visible soil as often as necessary, but not less than once per day, unless the Indoor Play Area has not been in use. The food establishment shall maintain equipment in a clean condition free of visible soil.

b. The food establishment shall use an aqueous cleaning solution of proper strength consistent with the required cleaning solution for other parts of the food establishment non-food contact surfaces of equipment, or any other cleaning method/chemical as approved by the Department. Chemicals used for cleaning and sanitizing of the Indoor Play Area surfaces must be used in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations.

c. The food establishment shall adopt procedures for employees to follow when responding to vomiting or diarrheal events that involve the discharge of vomitus or fecal matter onto surfaces of or in the vicinity of the Indoor Play Area. The procedures shall address the specific actions that employees must take to minimize the spread of contamination and the exposure of employees, consumers, food and surfaces to vomitus or fecal matter.

d. Items used in maintaining and cleaning of Indoor Play Area surfaces shall be labeled play area use and must be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to using those same items to clean food equipment, food contact surfaces or food preparation areas.