

Restaurant Inspections

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 866-366-3723, uses a “risk-based” inspection reporting process for restaurants and other food handlers.

The following inspection reports were completed April 26-May 3.

A Tea Affair, 8 Sturgis Lane, Lititz, May 1. Food handler donning single-use gloves without a prior hand wash. Clean drinking glasses are stored in close proximity to the handwashing sink. A 12-inch-high partition needs to be installed on the left side of the sink.

Achenbach’s Pastry, 375 E. Main St., Leola, May 3. No violations.

American Legion Post No. 662, 35 S. Hoover Ave, New Holland, May 3. Prep table is close to handwashing sink. A 12-inch partition needs to be installed on the right side of the sink. Garbage pail on top of the prep table. Pail was removed and table sanitized at the time of this inspection. Dishwasher gauge does not move to indicate operating temperatures. Can opener blade is worn and needs to be replaced. Cutting board deeply scored and stained. Food facility is reusing plastic containers which are intended to be single-service or single-use articles. Fly strip hanging over beer kegs.

Appalachian Brewing Co., 55 N. Water St., Lititz, May 1. Food handler is not wearing a beard net. In-use utensils found stored in sanitizer. Wrapped packets of pulled pork/ham in the bain marie since previous day had internal temperatures of 45F-54F rather than 41F or below as required. Voluntarily discarded. Rubber spatula had a piece of rubber gouged out. Discarded. Kitchen staff is uncertain about correct sanitizer concentration in the three-compartment sink and low-temperature dishwasher. These must be tested daily to ensure correct amount is being dispensed. Deeply scored cutting boards not resurfaced or discarded as required. Light bulb in storage room over open equipment is neither shielded nor coated.

Benjamin S. Stoltzfus, Root’s Country Market, 705 Graystone Road, Manheim, April 30. Follow-up inspection. Facility is selling unlabeled containers of doughnuts. Facility is selling unlabeled lemonade and iced teas without proper testing. Facility will not sell these items until testing is complete and results are passing. Prepackaged cheeses are not labeled properly with the name of product.

Ben Stoltzfus, 955 N. State St., Ephrata, May 3. Lab test for birch beer is pending.

Bird-in-Hand Bakery Retail, 2715 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, April 30. Consumer self-service area for ready-to-eat foods not provided with suitable utensils or dispensing method to prevent contamination. Frothing wand has dried food residue and was not clean to sight and touch.

Brickers Famous French Fries, 100 S. Queen St., May 3. No violations.

Brickerville Family Restaurant, 2 E. 28th Division Highway, Lititz, May 1. The person in charge did not demonstrate adequate knowledge of the Pa. Food Code as evidenced by this noncompliant inspection. Beef vegetable soup and mashed potatoes cooling at ambient temperature for two hours had internal temperature of 106F and 109F respectively. Soup cooling in large, deep plastic containers rather than shallow pans. In kitchen bain marie, tuna salad and chicken salad were held at 50F and 51F, respectively, rather than 41F or below as required. Deeply scored bain marie cutting boards not resurfaced or discarded as required. Can opener blade is worn and needs to be replaced. Slicer and two stored knives had food residue.

Broty’s, Root’s Country Market, 705 Graystone Road, Manheim, April 30. Food employees in food-prep area not wearing proper hair restraints, such as nets, hats or beard covers. A food employee touched rolls with bare hands. Cheese sauce was held at 90°F, in the steamer table area, rather than 135°F or above as required. The handwash sink does not have hot water for employees to wash hands. Hot water heater was not working. The handwash sink in the food prep area had old food residue, dirt and two cups inside it. The handwash sink in the food-prep area was blocked by a large crate of rolls and not accessible at all times for employee use. A handwash sink has a large leak.

El Ranchero, 114 E. Main St., New Holland, April 30. Operator has a playpen in back room where warewashing is being conducted and food is stored. Baby equipment and objects must be removed immediately. Baby bottle in back-room refrigerator. Personal items may not be stored with food used in food preparation of the facility. No thermometer observed in back-room refrigerator. Ladles hanging over the handwashing sink. Sign on the bathroom door indicates that it is for employees only. If food is consumed on the premises, a handwashing facility must be available for customers to wash hands.

El Ray del Pollo, 911 S. Duke Street, May 3. Cover raw chicken with ice at all times, while holding to be put on grill. In-use knives and /or cleavers stored between table edges or between tables, an area not easily cleanable and sanitized. Provide sani-buckets for rags being used during food service and preparation. Handwash station needs to be designated for employee use.

Historic Revere Tavern, Lincoln Highway, Route 30, April 29. Non-food contact surfaces not cleaned at a frequency to preclude accumulation of dirt and soil.

King’s Meats, 955 N. State St., Ephrata, April 26. Food handler touched her face then donned gloves without washing hands. Cup cheese in refrigerator, which is not from an approved source. Raw milk being used to make cup cheese. Facility is using quat ammonia and doing warewashing in a two-compartment sink. A cleaner sanitizer is required.

Electronics

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market in North America, and Qualcomm on May 9 won permission from the FCC to proceed with a planned air-to-ground broadband service for Wi-Fi equipped planes.

The FAA prohibits use of electronics while a plane is below 10,000 feet, with the exception of portable recording devices, hearing aids, heart pacemakers and electric shavers.

Once a flight gets above that altitude, devices can be used in “airplane mode,” which blocks their ability to broadcast radio signals, according to the FAA. There’s an exception for devices that aircraft manufacturers or an airline demonstrates are safe, such as laptops that connect to approved Wi-Fi networks.

The potential risks from personal electronic devices are increasing as the U.S. aviation system transitions to satellite-based navigation, according to the FAA. In order to improve efficiency, planes will fly closer together using GPS technology.

As a result, interference from electronics “cannot be tolerated,” the agency said last year.

While sticking with its prohibitions on use during some phases of flight, the FAA starting in 2010 issued guidelines allowing broader use of personal electronics.

Following techniques suggested by RTCA, a Washington-based nonprofit that advises the FAA on technology, airlines have been able to install Wi-Fi

networks allowing passengers to browse the Web in flight.

Four in 10 airline passengers surveyed in December by groups including the CEA said they want to be able to use electronic devices in all phases of flight. Thirty percent of passengers in that same study said they’d accidentally left on a device during a flight.

McCaskill, D-Mo., has called for lifting restrictions on non-phone devices such as the Kindle. In an interview, she called the existing rules “ridiculous.”

“I was aware from the research that’s been done that there has never been an incident of a plane having problems because of someone having a device on in the cabin,” she said.

The dangers from radio waves interfering with electronic equipment has been known for decades. A fire aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal in 1967 killed 134 people when a rocket on a fighter jet accidentally fired after a radar beam triggered an electronic malfunction, according to a 1995 NASA review.

Restrictions on U.S. commercial aircraft began in 1966 after research found some portable radios interfered with navigation equipment, according to the FAA’s request last year for comments on whether it should change existing rules.

In one 2004 test, a now-discontinued Samsung Electronics wireless phone model’s signal was powerful enough to blot out global-positioning satellites, according to NASA. The device, which met all government standards, was tested because a corporate flight department

had discovered the phone rendered a plane’s three GPS receivers useless, NASA’s researchers reported.

While such incidents are rare and difficult to re-create afterward, they continue to pile up. A log kept by the Montreal-based International Air Transport Association airline trade group recorded 75 cases of suspected interference from 2003 to 2009, Perry Flint, a spokesman for the group, said in an interview.

Peter Bernard Ladkin, a professor of computer networks at the University of Bielefeld in Germany, compiled similar accounts from pilots in Europe, he said in an interview.

“These are serious, conscientious pilots,” Ladkin said. “They know what they’re doing. They don’t subscribe to theories about ghosts or something.”

Damaged devices have been transmitted on frequencies they weren’t designed for, according to David Carson, an associate technical fellow at Boeing who has participated in industry evaluations of electronics.

If those radio waves reach an antenna used for navigation, communication or some other purpose, it may distort the signal it’s supposed to receive.

Inflight Wi-Fi systems are safe in part because devices connect to them at low power levels, according to Carson, who was co-chairman of an RTCA panel that produced testing standards.

Devices searching for a faraway connection, such as a mobile phone trying to connect to a ground network in flight, send out more powerful radio waves, he said.

Airlines such as Delta and Alaska Air Group have used the FAA guidelines to allow their pilots to carry Apple iPads to replace paper charts and manuals. McCaskill and others have used that as an example of why passengers should be allowed to use tablet computers during landing and takeoff.

One difference is that airlines don’t purchase tablet models that use connections through wireless phone networks. Similar devices used by passengers haven’t been tested for safety in the passenger compartment, Carson said. Plus, there’s no guarantee passengers will put the devices into airplane mode or the devices haven’t been damaged, he said.

“Something a passenger brings in, you don’t know if it fell in a mud puddle or they put a bigger battery in,” he said.

The RTCA group recommended against allowing passengers to use devices during taxi, landing and take-off, Carson said.

The Association of Flight Attendants, the U.S.’s largest union for those workers, told the FAA last year that electronic devices should be stowed during those critical phases of flight, just as bags and purses must be.

Any decision should be based on science, not on politics or passengers’ desires to stay connected, said John Cox, a former airline pilot who is chief executive officer of the Washington-based consulting firm, Safety Operating Systems.

“The question is: Do we want to do aviation safety based on lack of testing and certification standards?” Cox said.

Settlement OK’d on Skechers shoe claims

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A federal judge has approved a \$40 million class-action settlement between Skechers USA Inc. and consumers who bought toning shoes after ads made unfounded claims that the footwear would help people lose weight and strengthen muscles.

U.S. District Judge Thomas B. Russell in Louisville approved the deal last week. It covers more than 520,000 claims. About 1,000 people eligible for coverage by the settlement opted out. Those with approved

claims will be able to get a maximum repayment for their purchase — up to \$80 per pair of Shape-Ups; \$84 per pair of Resistance Runner shoes; up to \$54 per pair of Poddod Sole Shoes; and \$40 per pair of Tone-Ups.

Russell also awarded \$5 million for the attorneys in the case to split. Russell or-

dered that the money cannot come from the \$40 million settlement fund set aside for consumers.

Two people who served as the lead plaintiffs in the case will receive payments of \$2,500 each.

Russell considered multiple factors in deciding to approve the settlement and found it provides just compensation to the plaintiffs.

“Accordingly, the court finds that the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate,” Russell wrote.

The approval comes a year after Manhattan Beach, Calif.-based Skechers reached a deal with the Federal Trade Commission.

Government Calendar

Conestoga Valley School District

The Conestoga Valley School District Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the administration center, 2110 Horseshoe Road. Among the agenda items:

- Reports: student, superintendent,
- Approval of: financial reports, first and second reading of district policies, preliminary list of graduates for Class of 2013, resolution for tax collector, food service budget, activity account signatures, per capita tax exonerations, Lancaster County Academy budget, Amusement Tax Rate and Special Education Services Agreements with IU13 for 2013-14, new PDE master agreement and e-signature pilot.
- Review of: outside driver education contract with AAA, administrative and business services and district curriculum and instruction reports, federal funds,
- Election of treasurer.
- IU board membership ballot and reports.

East Hempfield planning

The East Hempfield Township Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the municipal building, 1700 Nissley Road, Landisville. Among the agenda items:

- Plan review for Pop-It Graphics, Enterprise Road, modifications and final plan.
- Waiver request for The Sports Complex, Spooky Nook Road, Champ Boulevard, waiver of lot add-on plan.

L-S School District

The Lampeter-Strasburg School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the district office, 1600 Book Road, Lampeter. Among the agenda items:

- Discussions: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, consent to assign EAP Service Provider Agreement, proposed 2013-14 budget, student drug testing.
- Recommendation for approval: setting of “P Value,” 2013-14 foreign student.

■Sharing of boards of review.

Lancaster City historical

The City of Lancaster Historical Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in conference room 4 at Southern Market Center, 100 S. Queen St. Reviews include:

- 123 N. Franklin St., T.J. and J.A. Schwartz and Arthur G. Melinger, to demolish steel canopy; 542-572 N. Queen St., 547-563 N. Prince St., 26-40 W. Frederick St., Lancaster General Health, Arcadia Properties, LLC, demolish structures to construct office building and parking garage.

Lancaster City planning

The Lancaster City Planning Commission scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday has been canceled. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. June 5 in Room 4 at Southern Market Center, 100 S. Queen St.

Lancaster Drug and Alcohol

The Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission will hold it’s County Authority Board meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the fifth floor MH/ MR Administrative Office Conference Room, 150 N. Queen St.

Lancaster Twp. planning

The Lancaster Township Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the municipal building, 1240 Maple Ave. Agenda items include: sketch plan for Charles Road Site and work update on SALDO an Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Penn Manor School District

The Penn Manor School Board will meet Monday at Manor Middle School, 2950 Charlestown Road. The Superintendent’s Evaluation begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a personnel session at 6 p.m., and committee of the whole at 7 p.m., followed by the regular board meeting. Included on the agenda of the latter:

- Student report by Sarah Evarts and Jenn Adams.
- Recognition of Sarah Evarts and Penn Manor High School TSA members.
- Introduction of Doug Eby, Eric Howe, and Dori O’Connor.

■Revised job descriptions.
■Review of proposed budget from May 6 meeting.

School District of Lancaster

The School District of Lancaster Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at J.P. McCaskey High School, 445 N. Reservoir St. Among the agenda items:

- Reports: superintendent, student board representative, educational alignment committee, accountability committee, representatives.
- Adoption of 2013-14 proposed final budget.
- Approval of consent: personnel recommendations; United Concordia Companies, Inc., and Phillips Office Solutions master agreements; board treasurer; 2013 diploma candidates; IU13 2013 election ballot; 2012-13 tuition waivers.
- Agreements/contracts: Exit Lancaster, EHC Associates.
- Adoption of: Math Expressions 2013 Edition, resolution for reform of the commonwealth’s cyber charter school funding formula, payments, judiciary report.
- Approval of change orders for phase II projects: Hand Middle School and Fulton Elementary School.
- Approval of: bids, 2012-13 Special Education Tuition Rates, Lincoln Middle School elevator project, Fulton Elementary School agreement for acceptance of artwork, 2013 healthcare rates, monthly financial reports.
- Draft new and revised board policies.
- Motion to amend previous board action approving a revised assessment for properties owned by Lancaster Newspapers, Inc.
- WWI Doughboy statue update.



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