

New Restaurant Incentive System:

'Outstanding Performers' & Food Establishment Recognition Program

Priority Items (5 demerit points): A provision of the Food Code whose application contributes directly to the elimination, prevention or reduction to an acceptable level, hazards associated with foodborne illness or injury and there is no other provision that more directly controls the hazard.

Foundation Items (3 demerit points): A provision of the Food Code, whose application supports, facilitates or enables one or more 'Priority Items'.

An establishment score (base-100) will appear on the front page of every food establishment inspection report.

Core Items (no points): A provision of the Food Code that is not designated as a 'Priority Item' or a 'Foundation Item' and that usually relates to general sanitation, operational controls, sanitation standard operating procedures (SSOPs), facilities or structures, equipment design, or general maintenance.

A total count of the 'Core Item' violations will appear on the front page of every inspection report.

Repeat violation: Means a violation of a rule that is the same specific problem or process as indicated on the Food Service Inspection Report occurring in two consecutive complete inspections.

Objectives & Criteria for 'Outstanding Performers':

- No facility will receive formal recognition if they have a 'Priority Item' violation on their inspection report.
- No facility will receive formal recognition if they have more than one new 'Foundation Item' violation on their inspection report or any outstanding (uncorrected/repeat) 'Foundation Item' violations.
- No facility will receive formal recognition if they have more than three new 'Core Item' violations on their inspection report or any outstanding (uncorrected/repeat) 'Core Item' violations.
- No facility will receive formal recognition if they have 'Repeat Violations' on their inspection report.
- No facility will receive formal recognition if they have been implicated in a foodborne illness outbreak during the regulatory period.
- No facility will receive formal recognition if they are delinquent in paying any assessed fees (license renewals, re-check inspection fees, etc.) from the most recent regulatory period.

Hood River County Health Department, Environmental Health Office Procedure:

- Hood River County Health Department, Environmental Health Staff will query our database following a 6-month regulatory period for facilities that receive 97 or better point scores.
- The queried facilities will be reviewed to ensure they meet all other criteria.
 - This will include evaluating:
 - Core Item counts;
 - Repeat Violations;
 - Illness Outbreak Records; and
 - Accounts Payable Records
- A certificate will be sent to the remaining food establishments declaring them to be ‘Outstanding Performers’.
- A list of all ‘Outstanding Performers’ will be published on the Hood River County Web-Site.
- A brochure will be developed, and distributed in the Environmental Health Office, showcasing all ‘Outstanding Performers’ within Hood River County.

