
Food Safety Program

Non-Emergency Food Protection Enforcement Policy

The Environmental Health division is committed to an established system of progressive enforcement when correcting noted violations. The Environmental Health division has adopted this policy as a guide for the uniform administration of this policy. This enforcement policy provides standard procedure for specific repeat violations; however the examples of specific violations given in any grouping are not all inclusive, and merely serve as a guide. All non-emergency violations shall be dealt with by following the system of progressive discipline set forth below:

1. Non-critical violations

If a non-critical violation(s) repeats on three consecutive standard inspections,
Then an administrative hearing with the environmental health Director, enforcing sanitarian, owner/operator, and any required legal representation will follow for further enforcement.

If the violation(s) is not corrected pending the administrative hearing,
Then, the owner/operator will be referred to the Meigs County Board of Health or the Meigs County Prosecutor for increased enforcement action.

2. Critical violations

If a critical violation(s) repeats after the initial follow-up inspection,
Then a letter of enforcement shall be issued from the enforcing sanitarian with a compliance date.

If the violation(s) is not corrected by the compliance date,
Then an administrative hearing with the environmental health director, enforcing sanitarian, owner/operator, and any required legal representation will follow for further enforcement.

If the violation(s) is not corrected pending the administrative hearing,
Then the owner/operator will be referred to the Meigs County Board of Health, Meigs County Prosecutor, or Meigs County Health Commissioner for increased enforcement action.

3. Sanitary violations

If a sanitary violation is repeated after the initial follow-up inspection,
Then all persons in charge of the food service operation or retail food establishment will be required to achieve level 1 certification in food protection.

*See emergency food policy for situations requiring immediate attention.