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Advisory

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Re: Inspection Report – Priority (Critical) Violations + Cutting Edge

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department introduces new food inspection report features

As a result of community collaboration and based on recommendations from the [Maricopa County Ad Hoc Stakeholder Taskforce](#), Maricopa County Environmental Services Department (MCESD) is introducing changes to our food inspection reports.

Starting this week, the food inspection reports will highlight the number of priority violations – those violations considered most critical for being directly related to foodborne illnesses – in **RED** at the top of the report. Examples of priority violations include lack of adequate hand washing and not holding foods at the proper temperature.

When reviewing the inspection report online, readers will still have access to read all the information contained in the report, but they will now see a column with the number of priority violations in the inspection summary.

The goal is to make it easier for everyone to differentiate the most critical violations from the other types of violations cited at each inspection.

Another change is identifying members of our innovative food safety partnership program The Cutting Edge. If an establishment participates in The Cutting Edge, this designation will be noted in the inspection summary.

Taken together these changes should make the inspection reports easier to understand and a more valuable tool for the public and food industry.

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

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