

Colorado Administrative Code _Title 1000. Department of Public Health and Environment_1010.
Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability_6 CCR 1010-7. Health and Sanitation of Child Care
Facilities in the State of Colorado_Chapter Seven. Food Service

6 CCR 1010-7:7-101
6 Colo. Code Regs. 1010-7:7-101 Alternatively cited as 6 CO ADC 1010-7

1010-7:7-101. Food Service Requirements.

Child care facilities providing meals or snacks shall meet the requirements of the “*Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations*” with the following exceptions:

(a) The number of toilet facilities shall meet the requirements as stated in Section 4-401;

(b) Commercial ventilation systems are not required unless:

1) Grease cooking is conducted,

2) Cooking appliances have a combined BTU rating of greater than 100,000 BTU or 21 kilowatts, as specified in the equipment’s specifications, or

3) Local building or fire codes require commercial ventilation.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the cooking of meat inside an oven or on the stovetop in a covered pan or skillet as long as local building and fire codes are followed.

(c) Children may use the same room for eating and sleeping;

(d) In new or extensively remodeled child care facilities; domestic food equipment is permitted, when it is approved by the Department, maintained in good repair, and in:

1) Specialized group facilities, residential child care facilities, children’s camps, and small child care centers with a capacity of 15 or fewer children, or

2) Infant nurseries, toddler nurseries, and kindergartens, or

3) Facilities operated less than 4 hours per day, or

4) Other facilities where the menu does not involve procedures listed in Section 7-102.

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(e) Domestic dishwashing machines are approved for use in facilities meeting the requirements listed in Section 7-101(d) if:

1) The dishwashing machine equipped with a heat sanitizing cycle reaches a minimum of 150°F; or

2) The water temperature in the dishwashing machine without a sanitizing cycle reaches a minimum of 155°F; and

3) Dish volume is such that all dishes and utensils can be washed and sanitized by using not more than two complete cycles of the dishwashing machine for each of the following: breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks.

(f) Where domestic equipment is permitted and used, domestic equipment installation methods shall be acceptable provided the equipment and surrounding area are maintained in a clean sanitary condition.

(g) For offsite activities, such as field trips, the use of coolers and ice packs for the transport and storage of potentially hazardous foods supplied by the facility shall be acceptable as long as required temperatures are maintained. Coolers shall be easily cleanable, maintained in good repair, and kept clean.

(h) When parents or guardians furnish snacks for children other than their own child, the snack shall consist only of foods that are prepackaged and prepared from commercial sources. Such foods shall be non-potentially hazardous or shelf stable and received sealed. Once opened and served, remaining potentially hazardous snacks shall be discarded. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the occasional serving of food in connection with a single event or celebration.

(i) In child care facilities where individual meals are furnished by the parents or guardians the food shall be restricted to their own child. The food shall be labeled with the child's name.

6 CCR 1010-7:7-102

6 Colo. Code Regs. 1010-7:7-102 Alternatively cited as 6 CO ADC 1010-7

1010-7:7-102. Commercial Equipment Requirements.

Commercial equipment is not required in facilities meeting the exemptions in Section 7-101. Commercial equipment is required in facilities where any of the following conditions apply:

(a) The facility's menu involves advanced food preparation, as defined in Section 1-201(1); or

(b) Commercial equipment is required by the local building and fire departments; or

(c) Leftover potentially hazardous foods are cooled for re-service to children; or

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(d) Prepared food is transported off premises for service or consumption at another facility; or

(e) Domestic equipment cannot maintain potentially hazardous foods at the required temperature.

6 CCR 1010-7:7-103

6 Colo. Code Regs. 1010-7:7-103Alternatively cited as 6 CO ADC 1010-7

1010-7:7-103. Limited Kitchen Requirements.

In child care facilities without approved commercial or approved domestic equipment, the following shall apply:

(a) Food service shall be limited only to non-potentially hazardous snacks or potentially hazardous snacks that are sealed and shelf stable. Once opened and served, remaining potentially hazardous snacks shall be discarded.

(b) Foods shall be obtained from approved commercial sources and shall be served in single service containers or in properly cleaned and sanitized multi-use articles.

(c) All foods and single-service articles shall be protected during transportation, storage, preparation and service;

(d) Good hygienic practices shall be employed including proper handwashing just prior to service or consumption;

(e) Fresh fruits and vegetables shall be thoroughly washed prior to preparation in a clean and sanitized kitchen sink or obtained pre-washed or cut from a commercial source. The use of a handwashing sink for this purpose is not approved.

(f) Utensils used in food service shall be cleaned and sanitized in a manner approved by the Department, and shall be properly stored after each use; and

(g) Single-service items are not to be reused and must be disposed of properly.

6 CCR 1010-7:7-104

6 Colo. Code Regs. 1010-7:7-104Alternatively cited as 6 CO ADC 1010-7

1010-7:7-104. Prohibited Foods.

Service of honey to infants shall be prohibited.

6 CCR 1010-7:7-105

6 Colo. Code Regs. 1010-7:7-105Alternatively cited as 6 CO ADC 1010-7

1010-7:7-105. Prohibited Activities.

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Staff shall not be involved in the care of children and food preparation concurrently. Children shall not be involved in the preparation and handling of raw animal products and shall not handle, with bare hands, ready-to-eat foods for children other than themselves. This section does not prohibit teaching cooking projects if good hygienic practices are observed. This section does not prohibit life skills training in facilities providing more than 24-hour care.