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WIPING CLOTHS

Moist cloths used for wiping food spills on kitchenware and food contact surfaces of equipment shall be clean and rinsed frequently in an approved sanitizing solution. These cloths shall be stored in a sanitizing solution between uses. Additionally, moist cloths used for cleaning non-food contact surfaces of equipment such as counters, dining tables tops, and shelves shall be cleaned, rinsed, and used for no other purpose. These cloths must also be stored in a sanitizing solution.

Procedure:

1. Select an approved sanitizer, and use at the correct concentration:
 - A. Chlorine (bleach is acceptable): 100-200ppm;
 - B. Iodine: 12.5-25ppm;
 - C. Quaternary ammonia: 200-400ppm.
2. Use approximately 1-2 tablespoons or capfuls of sanitizer per gallon of water. The water temperature must be at least 75°F.
3. The sanitizing solution must be changed every 2-3 hours, or when sanitizer is used up.
4. Wiping cloths must be **stored** in solution, not on countertops or equipment.
5. Sanitizing solution for wiping cloths must be set up in **each** work area (i.e.: prep, cooks line, wait stations, bars, etc...).
6. A **test kit** or other device that accurately measures the parts per million (ppm) concentration of the sanitizing solution shall be provided and used as often as necessary to assure proper sanitizer concentration.