



**ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS**

APPLICABILITY: All Authorized Personnel

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**TITLE: Sanitizing Procedures for Inmate Food Utensil
and Drinking Cups
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POLICY

It is the policy of the Allegheny County Bureau of Corrections (BOC) to ensure that sanitization of inmate eating utensils and drinking cups are performed after each meal (3x a day) in accordance with local Health Department guidelines and Pennsylvania Code, Title 37, Chapter 95. These eating and drinking utensils will be cleaned, rinsed and sanitized before being reissued to another inmate.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to standardize the operational procedures used in sanitizing eating utensils and drinking cups using the three- compartmented stainless steel sink method.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

1. The food service provider will assure that all compartmented food trays are cleaned, rinsed, and sanitized using the cleaning machine after each meal and before being reissued to another inmate.
2. Pod workers assigned on each housing unit will collect eating utensils after each meal in a four (4) quart plastic bucket half filled with warm water and soap. All food and debris will be removed from the eating utensil BEFORE being placed in the far left section of the three compartment sink for the WASHING process. (Dishwashing liquid).
3. After washing is completed, all eating utensils will be placed in the RINSE sink which has been filled halfway with warm water.
4. After utensils have been adequately rinsed, they will be transferred into the last sink for SANITIZATION. For this process, one (1) sanitizing tablet will be added to the sink which has been filled three-quarters (3/4) full with water (temperature

of sanitization water does not matter). All eating utensils will be removed from the water and placed on a drying rack to be used for the next meal.

5. The same process will be followed for the red plastic eight (8) oz. tumbler.