



## Public Notices of Enforcement Actions

A Notice of Enforcement Actions is a public posting (placard) affixed to a facility's main entrance. The purpose of the placard is to make it publicly known when the following circumstances occur at a food establishment:

1. A facility is temporarily or permanently closed by a representative of DDPHE. This may apply to a partial and/or full closure of the facility.
2. The operators of a facility have pled *guilty* or *no contest* to charges in court.

### A Notice of Enforcement Actions placard for closure includes the following information:

- name of the DDPHE representative who ordered the closure
- whether the closure was partial or full
- date and time of closure
- reason for closure
- section of the Denver Rules & Regulations for Food Establishments of which the facility was non-compliant
- date and time the facility was permitted to reopen
- date the placard will be removed by a DDPHE representative

The procedure for posting a Notice of Enforcement Actions is detailed in Chapter 13 of the [Denver Rules & Regulations for Food Establishments](#).

### Notice of Enforcement Actions for Closures Due to Imminent Health Hazard

An Imminent Health Hazard (IHH) occurs when there is sufficient evidence that a circumstance or event creates a significant risk to the health of the public. The presence of violations such as no hot water, pest infestation, severe lack of cleaning, or sewage back-up may constitute an IHH.

Facilities with severe violation(s) that create an IHH are closed or restricted until the violation(s) are corrected and the facility can operate safely. Facilities must demonstrate a high level of compliance for the violations that caused the closure/restriction before they are permitted to reopen. A representative of the Manager of DDPHE may conduct periodic visits to ensure the facility has remained closed until authorization to reopen by DDPHE has been issued.

Representatives of the Manager of DDPHE possess the authority to post public notices on facilities that are closed due to operating with an IHH per Chapter 23-4(7) of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

**Public Notice Duration**

Notice of Enforcement Actions placards remain posted at a facility for no less than 15 days. Facilities which are closed or restricted due to an IHH shall have a placard posted for 15 days. Partially closed facilities shall have a placard posted if more than 50% of food handling is ceased.

**Public Notice Removal**

Notice of Enforcement Actions placards shall not be moved, removed, defaced, damaged, or blocked from conspicuous view prior to the removal date stated on the notice by someone other than a DDPHE representative. Further enforcement action may be taken if the facility does not comply with the posting requirements.