Public Health Investigations Ride-Along Opportunities

The Denver Department of Public Health & Environment’s Public Health Investigations Division welcomes ride-alongs while we conduct important public health inspections in Denver. Thank you for your interest and applying to shadow one of our programs: food, pools, noise, or body art.

Below is information and requirements for review prior to the ride-along.

- Ensure you arrive to the inspection on-time. If you arrive early, please do not enter the facility. You must wait in your car or at the specific location (near facility entrance) the investigator indicated. Remember, these inspections are unannounced to the facility.
- If you need to cancel, please contact the investigator directly with as much notice as possible. If you do not have their direct number, please call 720-913-1311 or email phicomments@denvergov.org.
- Do not bring bags or large purses into the facility.
- The investigator may ask you to write down questions and save them for after the official inspection is over, so please bring a pen and notepad to take notes.
- Be prepared to wash your hands after the investigator when you first enter the area to be inspected. Avoid touching things during the inspection.
- After the facility is inspected, the investigator will complete the report at the facility and present it to the operator. At this time, you may ask questions, then you can leave or stay. If you stay, the operator may offer food or drink to you and the investigator. It is okay to accept tap water only. Politely decline any food or other beverages offered by the operator.

Recommended attire:
- Business casual, no holes, neat and professional looking. Shoes must cover the entire foot and should be professional. Individuals with facial hair may need to wear a beard net.
- Good personal hygiene is required.
- Jewelry is permitted; however, it should NOT be excessive or dangling so it does not get caught on equipment and can allow for proper hand washing.
- Chewing gum and eating are not permitted during the inspection. Consuming a drink during the inspection should be restricted to public or dining areas.

We look forward to meeting you!

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