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Province posts restaurant inspection reports online

Edmonton... Beginning July 1, Albertans will be able to view restaurant inspection reports online. These reports will help consumers make more informed decisions before deciding where to eat.

Public Health Inspectors inspect restaurants for a wide variety of food handling practices including appropriate temperature control, hand washing, food preparation and storage. Inspection reports outlining any violations of these and other rules that could potentially endanger the public will now be posted to the health regions' websites. The reports will be listed by restaurant and will include the past five inspections.

If during an inspection a public health threat is identified that cannot be rectified within a safe time frame, the restaurant will be closed until the situation is addressed.

Public Health Inspectors operate under the Alberta Public Health Act to ensure compliance with the province's Food Regulation. Under the Food Regulation, restaurant inspections occur prior to the opening of a new facility, every four to six months thereafter or more often if non-compliance with the regulation has been identified. Consumer complaints are also investigated, and an inspection may be conducted under special circumstances, such as a food recall.

To view restaurant inspection reports in your area, please visit www.health.alberta.ca under Health Information, and click on the link to your local health region's reports. The Food Regulation under the Alberta Public Health Act is also available on the website, under About Us - Health Legislation.

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