

Thermometer Sanitizing Guidelines for Employers

March 18, 2020 Governor Mike DeWine ordered business owners to take the temperature of all employees upon arrival to work.

- Restrict access to the building so employees can only enter through temperature access points. Employees should remain outside the building to have their temperatures taken.
- Wash hands and use gloves to take employees temperatures.
- Use thermometers specifically manufactured for personal use. Use multiple thermometers to rotate through employees. Bring thermometers from home, if needed.
- Thermometer's must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized between uses. Follow the wash, rinse, sanitize process below:

Wash

Wash thermometers in a bowl of hot, soapy water.

Rinse

Rinse thermometers in a bowl of warm, clean water.

Sanitize

Sanitize thermometer using a bowl of chlorine bleach solution. (5 capfulls of bleach + one gallon of water).

Air Dry

Allow thermometers to air dry for 1-2 minutes before using on a clean paper towel.



Thank you! If you have any additional questions, call the Erie County Health Department 567-867-3243