COCKROACH CLOSURES

Cockroach activity in a food facility can pose a serious health risk to the public as well as employees. Discontinuing food services is necessary to protect the public, employees, as well as eliminate the infestation. This guidance document will assist the facility in the process of reopening in the safest and most efficient manner.

Operator Guidance: Reopening A Closed Facility Due to Cockroach Infestation

Closure: Vermin Infestation → 1. Pest Control → 2. Eliminate Vermin Activity & Harborage → 3. Clean & Sanitize → 4. Request a Reinspection → Reopen: After Approval

1. PEST CONTROL

- ☐ Obtain licensed pest control service. A pest control service will help eliminate the infestation in the safest and most efficient manner.
- ☐ Maintain receipt(s) of pest control service.

2. ELIMINATE VERMIN ACTIVITY & HARBORAGE

- ☐ Remove all evidence of egg casings, feces, and cockroaches (live and/or dead). Failure to remove eggs may result in future infestations. See Figure 1 for Preventative Action & Maintenance.
- ☐ Seal all cracks and crevices to eliminate entry points and hiding spots.

3. CLEAN & SANITIZE

- ☐ Remove any accumulation of food or debris on equipment, floors, walls, and ceilings.
- ☐ Thoroughly clean and sanitize all food contact surfaces, utensils, equipment, and affected areas.

4. REQUEST A REINSPECTION

- ☐ Save time and money! Do **NOT** request a reinspection until the above steps are completed and no cockroaches of any life stage are found. Facility will not be re-opened if any evidence of live cockroach activity is observed. You **MAY** be charged an additional fee for multiple reinspections.
- ☐ Provide proof of pest control service.

PREVENTATIVE ACTION & MAINTENANCE

KEEP PESTs OUT!
This model offers long-term guidance to maintain your facility cockroach free.

P — **PREVENTION**
Be proactive! Monitor all your problem areas and routinely inspect your facility and deliveries for signs of cockroach activity.

E — **EXCLUSION**
Regularly repair and maintain your facility to eliminate entry points and possible harborage areas. Remove all excess clutter, cardboard, and out-of-service equipment.

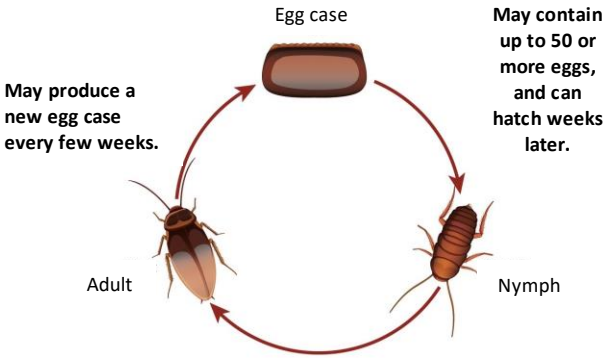
S — **SANITATION**
Implement a routine schedule to clean and sanitize all areas of the facility.

T — **TREATMENT**
Maintain routine pest control treatments to determine critical areas, plan of action, and frequency of treatments.

Fig. 1

REMOVE ALL STAGES OF LIFE

Facility will not be reopened until all life stages are removed.



*Failure to remove all life stages may result in future infestations.

Fig. 2