THE DO’S & DON’TS OF TOUCH AND TEMP TO KEEP FOOD SAFE

THINK BEFORE YOU RINSE
Rinsing poultry increases the chances of spreading raw juices around your kitchen. Remember, cooking to 165 °F is the ONLY way to kill bacteria.

HOME STORAGE OF POULTRY

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• For safety and quality it is best to buy poultry products before the sell by date marked on the package. Freeze or prepare fresh poultry within 2 days.

• Store cooked leftovers in the refrigerator or freezer in air-tight containers labeled with product name and date prepared. Consume within 4 days if not frozen.

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We develop and promote effective education programs to reduce foodborne illness risk for consumers.

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4. “Chicken from Farm to Table.” USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service. 24 Mar. 2015.

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Children are more likely to get sick from germs that cause foodborne illness. Their immune systems are less developed and less able to fight infection. Salmonella and Campylobacter are two common germs that can cause foodborne illness.

Foodborne illness usually causes a stomach ache, and in some cases it can lead to kidney failure or other chronic long-term health problems. It’s essential that parents pay close attention to proper food handling and hand washing when preparing poultry.

In 2014, chicken was linked to 23 outbreaks, and is the food category responsible for the second-largest number of foodborne illnesses. Contaminated food sickens nearly 48 million people in the United States every year—that’s 1 in 6.

Kids under 4 are nearly 5X more likely than adults to get bacterial infections from food.

Even one drop of raw poultry juice could contain enough Campylobacter to cause illness.

1. 165°F

SAFELY COOKING POULTRY IS A MATTER OF TEMP.

165°F

Poultry must reach an internal temperature of 165 °F to kill bacteria that can cause foodborne illness.

WHY YOU SHOULD PRACTICE SAFE POULTRY HANDLING

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FOR SAFE POULTRY HANDLING

DON’T TOUCH

IN STORE:

DISINFECT YOUR SHOPPING CART HANDLE
Use disinfectant wipes on surfaces, especially handlebar and child seat.

PLACE POULTRY IN PLASTIC BAG
Use plastic bags provided at meat counter to help avoid cross-contamination.

DON’T TOUCH

AT HOME:

PLACE IN THE FRIDGE OR FREEZER
Keep poultry in plastic bag and place on a low shelf to prevent leakage from contaminating other foods.

WASH HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER HANDLING
Use warm water and soap to clean hands and surfaces that have potentially come in contact with poultry or its juices.

CHECK TEMP

AT HOME:

THAW IN THE FRIDGE
Keep poultry at or below 40°F when thawing.

USE A FOOD THERMOMETER
Cook poultry to a safe temperature of 165 °F to kill harmful bacteria.

USE HAND SANITIZER
Use hand sanitizer after touching raw and packaged poultry if soap and water are not available.

FOR SAFE POULTRY HANDLING

SAFETY TIPS

- Use a food thermometer to ensure that foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature.
- Check the temp just before food is expected to be “done.”
- Place food thermometer in the thickest part of food, making sure not to touch bone, fat or gristle.
- Clean food thermometer with hot, soapy water after each use.

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