

State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Division of Hotels and Restaurants

REHEATING FOR HOT HOLDING PROCEDURES

There is an increased risk of foodborne illness when food is improperly reheated. 3-403.11, FDA Food Code

Reheating prepared foods

Time/temperature control for safety food (TCS food) that is cooked, cooled, and reheated for hot holding shall be reheated so all parts of the food reach at least 165°F for 15 seconds within 2 hours





Reheating in a microwave

 If reheated for hot holding in a microwave TCS food shall be reheated so all parts of the food reach at least 165°F within 2 hours (except commercially processed food) and the food is rotated or stirred, covered and allowed to stand covered for 2 minutes after reheating



Reheating commercially processed foods

 TCS commercially processed food shall be reheated for hot holding to a temperature of at least 135°F within 2 hours (if reheated for a second time the temperature must reach at least 165°F for 15 seconds within 2 hours)



Reheating unsliced portions of meat roasts

 Remaining unsliced portions of whole meat roasts that are cooked in the food service establishment may be reheated for hot holding using the oven parameters and minimum time and temperature conditions specified for cooking meat roast in the Food Code, the minimum temperature is 130°F (see FC section 3-401.11(B) for a complete list of roast parameters)

