



ADAMS COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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School Health Inspection Program Development

Board of Health Meeting

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School Inspection History

- What is a School?
 - Any facility (public, proprietary, parochial, denominational or eleemosynary which is maintained for educational purposes for 6 or more persons).
 - Does not include licensed child care facilities, licensed health facilities or facilities used by religious, fraternal, political or social organizations exclusively for worship, religious instructional or entertainment purposes for that organization.
- School inspections last conducted in 2011 by TCHD.
 - Focused on chemical labs & storage.
- School inspections were paused due to:
 - Reduced budget & changing workload priorities in 2011.
 - Program is non-funded and was previously not a required delegated program by CDPHE.
 - Onsite inspections are still conducted in other areas of schools:
 - School Kitchens/ Cafeterias- Retail Food Establishment Regulations
 - Licensed Child Care Programs- Sanitation of Child Care Center Regulations
 - Swimming Pool/ Spas- Swimming Pool and Mineral Bath Regulations
 - Schools still required to follow *Rules and Regulations Governing Schools in the State of Colorado*.



School Inspections Now

- School regulations were updated in 2018.
- Inspections are more comprehensive and split into High Risk & Low Risk.

High Risk

- Science
- Arts
- Vocational shops
- Cleaning and maintenance chemicals

★ Chemical storage, handling, waste disposal, spill response, safety equipment

Low Risk

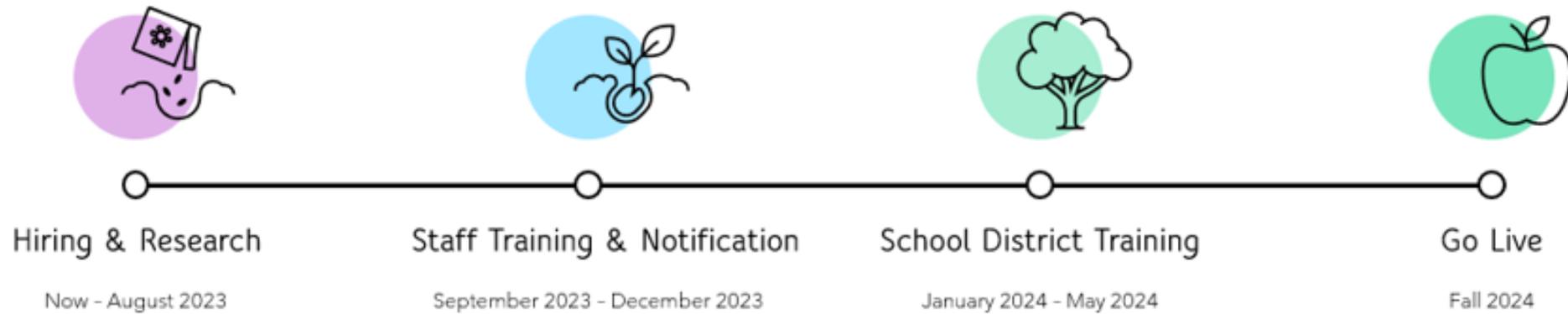
- Medical office
- Athletics
- Restrooms
- General classrooms

★ Sanitization, disinfection, immunization records, radon, asbestos

- High risk areas of schools inspected yearly.
- All schools will receive a low-risk inspection 1 x every 3 years (in addition to high-risk inspection).



School Inspection Implementation Timeline



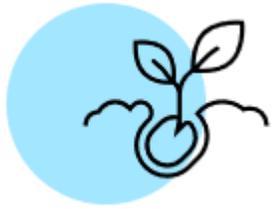


Hiring & Research

Now- August 2023

- Onboard 2 staff members for School & Early Childhood Inspections.
- Identify and confirm school facility inventory & develop inspection calendar.
- Identify key school contacts for inspections.
 - Environmental Compliance Personnel
 - Health Services
 - Facilities Manager
 - Science, Art & Vocational Program Department Leads
- Collaborate with ACHD School Health Policy & Prevention Specialist and Internal School Task Force.
- Develop & strengthen cross jurisdictional local public health partner relationships for inspection training opportunities & align with inspection methods for schools that cross neighboring jurisdictions.





Staff Training & Notification

September 2023 - December 2023

- Work with local public health partners & CDPHE for training opportunities and staff sign off.
 - Staff must complete: Online trainings, 5 observed inspections & 5 applied inspections for sign off for onsite inspections.
- Send notification to school partners about school inspections (aim for notification Fall 2023).
- Partner with high-risk schools to train inspection staff about vocational areas.
 - Develop inspector knowledge base.
 - Increase school relationships & outreach opportunities.





School District Training

January 2024 – May 2024

- Begin scheduling classroom type trainings with school district partners.
- Begin building helpful handouts/ fact sheets based on pre-operational inspection findings.
- Evaluate ACHD staff workload.





Go Live

Fall Semester 2024

Begin official regulatory inspections for schools!





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