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ABOUT THE COVER



Proper hand washing practices in food service establishments are important for the adequate reduction of microorganisms on hands and to reduce the risk of foodborne illness outbreaks.

This month's cover article, "Does a Water Flow Timer Improve Food Handler Hand Washing Practices in Food Service Establishments? The Effects of Passive and Indirect Interventions," employed passive and indirect interventions to examine whether the use of a water flow timer and an informational poster could influence food handler hand washing practices. While the use of a water flow timer increased the duration of hand washing, the findings suggest that a combination of passive and indirect interventions with more active and direct interventions might lead to a greater degree of hand washing compliance.

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