

# Thermometer Sanitizing Guidelines for Employers

March 18, 2020 Governor Mike DeWine ordered business owners to take the temperature of all employees upon arrival to work.

- Restrict access to the building to so employees can only enter through temperature access points. Employees should remain outside the building to have their temperatures taken.
- Use thermometers specifically manufactured for personal use. Use multiple thermometers to rotate through employees. Bring thermometers from home, if needed.
- Thermometer's must be cleaned and sanitized between uses. Follow the wash, rinse, sanitize process below:

## Wash

Wash thermometers in hot, soapy water.

## Rinse

Rinse thermometers in warm, clean water to remove chemicals prior to sanitizing.

## Sanitize

Sanitize thermometer using a chlorine bleach solution of 5 capfuls of bleach per one gallon of water in warm water.

## Air Dry

Allow thermometers to air dry for 1-2 minutes before using.



Thank you! If you have any additional questions, call the Erie County Health Department (419) 626-5623