Avoid Foodborne Illness Fight BAC!®

Keeping food safe

Clean

- Wash hands in hot soapy water for 20 seconds.
- Wash surfaces and utensils in hot soapy water.



Separate

- Separate raw meat from other food in the refrigerator.
- Put cooked food on a clean plate.
- Store raw meat, covered, in the refrigerator.



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Cook

• Use a food thermometer when cooking meat.



Chill

- Use a thermometer to be sure refrigerator is 40°F or below.
- Refrigerate or freeze prepared food within 2 hours.
- Never thaw at room temperature. Thaw food in the refrigerator, or microwave just before cooking.



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