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ABOUT THE COVER



Public posting of restaurant inspection scores is thought to increase compliance through consumer pressure. In 2009, the Salt Lake Valley Health Department launched a Web site that provides

restaurant inspection results, scores, rankings, and restaurant closure information. In this month's cover feature, "Impact of Internet Posting of Restaurant Inspection Scores on Critical Violations," the authors evaluated the Web site's impact on subsequent inspection results. The implementation of a web-based system for public access to restaurant inspection results appears to have had some impact on the frequency of critical violations noted by inspectors and may lead to a 20% to 30% reduction in the number of inspections with these critical violations.

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