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# **ABOUT THE COVER**



The authors of this month's cover feature, "Persistence of *Salmonella* and *E. Coli* on the Surface of Restaurant Menus," note that the cleanliness of items

such as cutting boards, faucet handles, and refrigerator door handles in restaurants has previously been investigated. The cleanliness of menus, however, has not been examined, so the authors set out to discover whether menus could harbor any pathogens. They determined the ability of bacteria to transfer from menus to fingertips and from fingertips to clean menus and showed that bacteria can be transferred for up to 24 hours; thus, restaurant menus may serve as vehicles for pathogens.

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