

**County of Santa Clara**  
**Department of Environmental Health**  
**Consumer Protection Division**

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**OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT**

<b>Facility</b> FA0214488 - EL POLLO LOCO #5996		<b>Site Address</b> 996 W EL CAMINO REAL, SUNNYVALE, CA 94087		<b>Inspection Date</b> 02/09/2023	
<b>Program</b> PR0304732 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP13			<b>Owner Name</b> SVALE/SC EL POLLO LOCO,		<b>Inspection Time</b> 10:05 - 11:35
<b>Inspected By</b> SUKHREET KAUR	<b>Inspection Type</b> ROUTINE INSPECTION	<b>Consent By</b> MARCELA GONZALEZ	<b>FSC</b> Marcela Gonzalez 1/10/2025		

<b>Placard Color &amp; Score</b>
<b>GREEN</b>
<b>92</b>

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS	IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
		Major	Minor				
K01 Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						
K02 Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						S
K03 No discharge from eyes, nose, mouth	X						
K04 Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						
K05 Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly	X						
K06 Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						
K07 Proper hot and cold holding temperatures			X				
K08 Time as a public health control; procedures & records					X		
K09 Proper cooling methods					X		
K10 Proper cooking time & temperatures	X						S
K11 Proper reheating procedures for hot holding					X		
K12 Returned and reservice of food	X						
K13 Food in good condition, safe, unadulterated	X						
K14 Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized			X	X			
K15 Food obtained from approved source	X						
K16 Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display						X	
K17 Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations						X	
K18 Compliance with variance/ROP/HACCP Plan						X	
K19 Consumer advisory for raw or undercooked foods						X	
K20 Licensed health care facilities/schools: prohibited foods not being offered						X	
K21 Hot and cold water available	X						
K22 Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	X						
K23 No rodents, insects, birds, or animals	X						

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES	OUT	COS
K24 Person in charge present and performing duties		
K25 Proper personal cleanliness and hair restraints		
K26 Approved thawing methods used; frozen food		
K27 Food separated and protected		
K28 Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29 Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		
K30 Food storage: food storage containers identified		
K31 Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32 Food properly labeled and honestly presented		
K33 Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34 Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35 Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity		
K36 Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use		
K37 Vending machines		
K38 Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39 Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40 Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
K41 Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices		X
K42 Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
K43 Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44 Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing		
K45 Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean		
K46 No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters		
K47 Signs posted; last inspection report available		

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K48	Plan review	
K49	Permits available	
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted	

## Comments and Observations

### Major Violations

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

### Minor Violations

K07 - 3 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

**Inspector Observations: Measured cole slaw at 46F in top insert prep unit.**  
**[CA] PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below.**

K14 - 3 Points - Food contact surfaces unclean and unsanitized; 113984(e), 114097, 114099.1, 114099.4, 114099.6, 114101, 114105, 114109, 114111, 114113, 114115(a,b,d), 114117, 14125(b), 114141

**Inspector Observations: Observed employee going to attempt to wash equipment in two compartment prep sink.**  
**[CA] Manual warewashing shall be accomplished by using a three- compartment sink where the utensils are washed, rinsed, sanitized, and air dried.**  
**[COS]**

K41 - 2 Points - Plumbing unapproved, not installed, not in good repair; improper backflow devices; 114171, 114189.1, 114190, 114192, 114193, 114193.1, 114199, 114201, 114269

**Inspector Observations: Observed pipes leaking liquid in bucket near floor sink coming from soda machine.**  
**[CA] Repair the pipes.**

### Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

### Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Chicken thigh	Hot holding	145.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken breast	Hot holding	148.00 Fahrenheit	
Quaternary ammonium	Sanitizer bucket	200.00 PPM	
Cooked chicken	Grill (cooking temp)	178.00 Fahrenheit	
Coleslaw	Top insert prep unit	46.00 Fahrenheit	
Quaternary ammonium	Three compartment sink	200.00 PPM	
Salsa	Top insert prep unit	41.00 Fahrenheit	
Raw chicken	Walk in cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Hot holding	150.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Hand wash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	Three compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	

### Overall Comments:

When required to determine compliance, a single reinspection will be conducted without additional charge. If subsequent reinspections are required, an hourly fee (minimum one hour) at the current rate approved by the Board of Supervisors will be assessed for each and every reinspection until the necessary changes or corrections are made. Unless otherwise noted by the inspector, all violations are to be corrected no later than **2/23/2023**. Any major change in menu or any change in ownership must have prior approval by this Department. This may require structural and/or equipment changes or remodeling to accommodate new operations.

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**Legend:**

- [CA] Corrective Action
- [COS] Corrected on Site
- [N] Needs Improvement
- [NA] Not Applicable
- [NO] Not Observed
- [PBI] Performance-based Inspection
- [PHF] Potentially Hazardous Food
- [PIC] Person in Charge
- [PPM] Part per Million
- [S] Satisfactory
- [SA] Suitable Alternative
- [TPHC] Time as a Public Health Control



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**Received By:** Marcela Gonzalez

**Signed On:** February 09, 2023