

# County of Santa Clara

## Department of Environmental Health

### Consumer Protection Division

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## OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

|                                                                  |  |                                                            |                                            |                                      |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Facility</b><br>FA0230435 - COSTCO WHOLESALE #470 - GROCERY   |  | <b>Site Address</b><br>5301 ALMADEN EX, SAN JOSE, CA 95118 |                                            | <b>Inspection Date</b><br>08/07/2026 |                                         | <b>Placard Color &amp; Score</b><br><div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>GREEN</b><br/> <b>93</b> </div> |  |                                     |
| <b>Program</b><br>PR0330724 - NO FOOD PREP > 20,000 SQ FT - FP08 |  |                                                            | <b>Owner Name</b><br>COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP |                                      | <b>Inspection Time</b><br>09:50 - 11:45 |                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                     |
| <b>Inspected By</b><br>CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ                       |  | <b>Inspection Type</b><br>ROUTINE INSPECTION               |                                            | <b>Consent By</b><br>MARK            |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                |  | <b>FSC</b> Mark Bailey<br>8/23/2029 |

  

| 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  |       |       |        |     |     |     |
| 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   |     |
| 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                              | X   |     |
| 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                                                |     | X   |
| K41                   | Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices               |     |     |
| 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

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: The clean food styrofoam containers have some raw meat an/or fish particles on the outside of them. [CA] The containers must be kept clean. [COS] They were thrown away into the garbage. These clean containers must be stored in a different area to keep them from becoming contaminated.**

K34 - 2 Points - Warewashing facilities: not installed or maintained; no test strips; 114067(f,g), 114099, 114099.3, 114099.5, 114101(a), 114101.1, 114101.2, 114103, 114107, 114125

**Inspector Observations: The warewashing sink was about 50 ppm quat. [CA] The concentration must be at 200ppm quat.**

K40 - 2 Points - Wiping cloths: improperly used and stored; 114135, 114185.1 114185.3(d,e)

**Inspector Observations: The used wiping towel bucket was almost 0ppm quat. [CA] The concentration must be kept at 200ppm. [COS] The employee replaced it with new sanitizer.**

### Performance-Based Inspection Questions

N/A

### Measured Observations

| Item          | Location     | Measurement       | Comments |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|
| quat          | towel bucket | 100.00 PPM        |          |
| water         | dish sink    | 120.00 Fahrenheit |          |
| deli meat     | refrigerator | 37.00 Fahrenheit  |          |
| beef          | display unit | 39.00 Fahrenheit  |          |
| water         | hand sink    | 100.00 Fahrenheit |          |
| meat on shelf | meat room    | 41.00 Fahrenheit  |          |
| cheese        | cooler       | 37.00 Fahrenheit  |          |
| milk          | walk in      | 36.00 Fahrenheit  |          |

### Overall Comments:

**Observed yogurt and granola out for the employees only in the break room. The granola is left in a large bowl uncovered. Recommend to cover the food to protect from overhead contamination rather than leaving it uncovered completely.**

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 **8/21/2026**. 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 |



Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed On: August 07, 2026