

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0204829 - MACARENA		Site Address 420 RAMONA ST, PALO ALTO, CA 94301		Inspection Date 04/21/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 91		
Program PR0304849 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 26+ EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP17			Owner Name MACARENA PALO ALTO LLC		Inspection Time 11:15 - 13:10			
Inspected By ALELI CRUTCHFIELD		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By DAVID				FSC Maria de Sales V.Boix 2/11/2030

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						S
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records						X	
K09	Proper cooling methods			X				N
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						
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	X	
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	X	
K36	Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use		
K37	Vending machines		
K38	Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39	Thermometers provided, accurate	X	
K40	Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
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

K09 - 3 Points - Improper cooling methods; 114002, 114002.1

Inspector Observations: Measured covered small individual containers of cheesecake at 75F stacked inside small display unit. Cheesecake was prepared this morning.

[CA] When cooling PHF's, leave food uncovered and locate in bottom of prep unit to allow rapid cooling. Cool food from 135-70F within 4 hours and 70F-41F within 2 hours. [COS] Cheesecake was relocated to another unit.

K27 - 2 Points - Food not separated and unprotected; 113984(a-d,f), 113986, 114060, 114067(a,d,e,j), 114069(a,b), 114077, 114089.1(c), 114143(c)

Inspector Observations: Observed breaded raw beef patty above ready to eat food inside 3 door prep unit. [CA] Store raw meat below ready to eat food. [COS]

K35 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils - Unapproved, unclean, not in good repair, inadequate capacity; 114130, 114130.1, 114130.2, 114130.3, 114130.4, 114130.5, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114139, 114153, 114155, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114177, 114180, 114182

Inspector Observations: Observed induction unit outside of hood used to fry dessert pastry in pan. [CA] Any cooking equipment that generates grease is required to be located underneath a hood.

K39 - 2 Points - Thermometers missing or inaccurate; 114157, 114159

Inspector Observations: Lack of thermometer for unit where cheese cake is stored. [CA] Provide a thermometer.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Proper cooling methods.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
water	hand sinks- all	100.00 Fahrenheit	
water	3 comp sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
churro	pastry unit freezer	11.00 Fahrenheit	
raw shrimp	3 door prep unit	40.00 Fahrenheit	
quat ammonium	wiping cloth bucket	200.00 PPM	
dishwasher chlorine	bar	50.00 PPM	
dish plate thermometer	kitchen	160.00 Fahrenheit	
steak	3 door prep unit	41.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine dishwasher	kitchen	50.00 PPM	
ambient	pastry unit	39.00 Fahrenheit	
cheese croquette	3 door prep unit	39.00 Fahrenheit	
ambient	table top case for cheesecake	41.00 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 **5/5/2025**. 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: David Linares
CEO

Signed On: April 21, 2025