

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0262092 - EL POLLO LOCO #3653		Site Address 2131 MONTEREY RD 20, SAN JOSE, CA 95125		Inspection Date 07/06/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 92		
Program PR0384363 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP13			Owner Name WKS RESTAURANT CORPOF		Inspection Time 13:45 - 15:05			
Inspected By ANABELLE GARCIA		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By MIGUEL AYON				FSC Miguel Ayon 09/30/2030

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS		IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
			Major	Minor				
K01	Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification			X				S
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						S
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						
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							
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		
K42	Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
K43	Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		X
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

K01 - 3 Points - Inadequate demonstration of knowledge; food manager certification

Inspector Observations: Multiple expired food handler certificates observed.

[CA] Each food handler shall maintain a valid food handler card for the duration of his or her employment as food handler. A valid food handler card shall be provided within 30 days of after the date of hire.

K21 - 3 Points - Hot and cold water not available; 113953(c), 114099.2(b), 114163(a), 114189, 114192, 114192.1, 11419

Inspector Observations: Water temperature at the janitorial sink measured 110F.

[CA] Hot water shall be supplied at a minimum temperature of at least 120°F measured from the faucet throughout facility except at handwash sinks.

K43 - 2 Points - Toilet facilities: improperly constructed, supplied, cleaned; 114250, 114250.1, 114276

Inspector Observations: In the womens restroom, toilet tissue stored outside of dispenser.

[CA] Toilet tissue shall be provided in a permanently installed dispenser at each toilet. Ensure toilet tissue is stored within dispenser at all times to prevent contamination.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
water	janitorial sink	110.00 Fahrenheit	
whole chicken	cook line - grill	182.00 Fahrenheit	final cook temp
chicken thigh	steam table	151.00 Fahrenheit	
water	hand wash sinks	100.00 Fahrenheit	
creamy cilantro dressing	single door under counter cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	IR
salsa fresca	walk in cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
water	prep sink, 3 comp sink	135.00 Fahrenheit	
quaternary ammonium	3 comp sink, sanitizer bucket	200.00 PPM	
black beans	steam table	170.00 Fahrenheit	
chicken soup	steam table	200.00 Fahrenheit	
avocado salsa	drawer cooler	36.00 Fahrenheit	IR
ambient	walk in cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
churro	2 door upright freezer	8.00 Fahrenheit	IR

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 **7/20/2026**. 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: Miguel Ayon
manager
Signed On: July 06, 2026