

# County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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## OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0205511 - MEXICO LINDO RESTAURANT		Site Address 11 RACE ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95126		Inspection Date 01/20/2026	
Program PR0300960 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name MUNOZ, LINO		Inspection Time 10:15 - 12:00
Inspected By LAWRENCE DODSON	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By LINO MUNOZ	FSC Lino Munoz 3/21/2026	

Placard Color & Score
<b>GREEN</b>
<b>77</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						S
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				
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	X	
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	X	
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	X	
K37 Vending machines		
K38 Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use	X	
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		
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

K09 - 8 Points - Improper cooling methods; 114002, 114002.1

**Inspector Observations: Deep container of vegetable soup measured at 52 F**  
**[CA] After heating or hot holding, Potentially Hazardous Foods (PHFs) shall be cooled rapidly from 135°F to 70°F within 2 hours and from 70°F to 41°F within 4 hours. Approved cooling methods include: 1) Placing the food in shallow pans 2) Separating the food into thinner or smaller portions. 3) Using rapid cooling equipment (Ex. blast chiller) 4) Using containers that facilitate heat transfer (ex. stainless steel) 5) Adding ice as an ingredient. 6) Using ice paddles 7) Using an ice bath and stirring frequently 8) Accordance with a HACCP plan. Cooling foods shall have enough space around the containers for cold air to circulate, be loosely covered, or uncovered and stirred as frequently needed to evenly cool.**  
**[COS] PIC voluntarily condemned 5 gallons of soup due to improper cooling process.**

### 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: Buildup found on soda dispenser nozzles at bar.[CA] Maintain equipment/food contact surfaces clean and sanitized as required.**

K26 - 2 Points - Unapproved thawing methods used; frozen food; 114018, 114020, 114020.1

**Inspector Observations: Frozen chicken found thawing in a bucket of still water.**  
**[CA] Frozen potentially hazardous food shall only be thawed in one of the following ways: 1) under refrigeration that maintains the food temperature at 41°F or below, 2) completely submerged under potable running water for a period not to exceed two hours at a water temperature of 70°F or below, and with sufficient water velocity to agitate and flush off loose particles into the sink drain, 3) in a microwave oven if immediately followed by immediate preparation, 4) as part of a cooking process.**

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: Lack of sneeze guard in front of some PHF at buffet.**  
**[CA] Food on display shall be protected from cross-contamination, by the use of an approved sneeze guard that intercept a direct line between the consumer's mouth and the food being displayed.**

K30 - 2 Points - Food storage containers are not identified; 114047, 114049, 114051, 114053, 114055, 114067(h), 114069 (b)

**Inspector Observations: Bulk food containers in walk-in refrigerator lack covers.**  
**[CA] Store open bulk foods in approved NSF containers with tight fitting lids.**

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: Shelves in walk in refrigerator are rusted.[CA] Maintain equipment clean and in good repair.**

K36 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils, linens: Improper storage and use; 114074, 114081, 114119, 114121, 114161, 114178, 114179, 114083, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5

**Inspector Observations: Bowls used as scoops in bulk containers.[CA] Use scoops with handles and store scoop handle in such a way that the handle does not come in direct contact with food to prevent contamination.**

**Ice scoop held on rack at beverage station/dispenser.**  
**[CA] Properly store utensils and equipment in a clean and sanitary manner. Store scoop in a clean container.**

K38 - 2 Points - Inadequate ventilation and lighting in designated area; 114149, 114149.1, 114149.2, 114149.3, 114252, 114252.1

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**Inspector Observations: Unshielded lighting found above food preparation area.**

**[CA] Light bulbs shall be shielded, coated or otherwise shatter-resistant in areas where there is unpackaged foods, clean equipment, utensils, linens, or unwrapped single use articles.**

## Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

## Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
cooked beef/picadillo	griddle	170.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked pork	griddle	180.00 Fahrenheit	
raw eggs	walk-in refrigerator	40.00 Fahrenheit	
raw beef	walk-in refrigerator	36.00 Fahrenheit	
water	2 compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked beans	walk-in refrigerator	41.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked rice	walk-in refrigerator	40.00 Fahrenheit	
water	hand wash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
sliced tomatoes	preparation refrigerator	41.00 Fahrenheit	
vegetable soup	walk-in refrigerator	55.00 Fahrenheit	
walk-in refrigerator	storage	36.00 Fahrenheit	

## Overall Comments:

**--48 HOUR NOTICE--**

**Our records indicate this facility is operating without a valid permit and has a delinquent account. Your balance due is \$ 1975.00. Payment must be made immediately to DEH at the address at the top of this report or via our website at [www.Ehinfo.org](http://www.Ehinfo.org).**

**A facility that submits payment of the outstanding balance within 48 hours (2 business days) of this notice will be issued and mailed an operating permit by this department. Failure to comply within 48 hours will result in facility closure and additional enforcement, including but not limited to reinspection(s) and additional cost recovery fees.**

**A facility found to be in continued operation without a permit may incur a penalty of three (3) times the operating permit fee, and fee(s) for re-inspection(s) charged at the current hourly rate approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Penalties and fees incurred due to enforcement activities must be paid in full prior to the issuance of an operating permit.**

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 **2/3/2026**. 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.

## Legend:

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

**Received By:** Lino Munoz  
PIC

**Signed On:** January 20, 2026