

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0202616 - SJ MILPITAS BUFFET		Site Address 24 S ABBOTT AV, MILPITAS, CA 95035		Inspection Date 04/16/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 70		
Program PR0303891 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP14			Owner Name SJ MILPITAS BUFFET INC		Inspection Time 14:20 - 15:40			
Inspected By NHA HUYNH		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By KAY				FSC Bin Zheng 01/23/2029

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						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				N
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible		X		X			N
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		
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	X	
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	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	X	
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

K06 - 8 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

Inspector Observations:

Lack of paper towels at the only handwash station in the kitchen.

[Corrective Action] Ensure paper towels are always available to dry hands after washing.

[Corrected on Site] Person in charge replaced paper towels.

Minor Violations

K05 - 3 Points - Hands not clean/improperly washed/gloves not used properly; 113952, 113953.3, 113953.4, 113961, 113968, 113973 (b-f)

Inspector Observations:

Observed employee drying hands with cloth towel.

[Corrective Action] Use single-use paper towels to dry off hands.

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

Inspector Observations:

Beef in the 3 door undercounter cooler was measured at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

[Corrective Action] Maintain Potentially Hazardous Foods at or below 41 degrees Fahrenheit.

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, 114125(b), 114141

Inspector Observations:

1. Chlorine sanitizer concentration in the dishwasher machine was measured at 10 ppm.

[Corrective Action] Maintain chlorine sanitizer concentration at 50 ppm in the dishwasher machine. Check sanitizer concentration everyday.

2. Grime accumulation inside the ice machine near the ice chute at the service area.

[Corrective Action] Thoroughly clean and sanitize inside the ice machine.

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

Inspector Observations:

Lack of hot water at the handwashing sink in the kitchen.

[Corrective Action] Provide hot water at a minimum temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

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

Inspector Observations:

Observed salmon thawing at room temperature.

[Corrective Action] 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.**

K33 - 2 Points - Nonfood contact surfaces not clean; 114115(c)

Inspector Observations:

Mold like slime observed on top of the lid of the ice machine at the service area.

[Corrective Action] Thoroughly clean and maintain clean.

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K35 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils - Unapproved, unclear, 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:

Heavy grime on the outside of large wooden rice mixing bowl at the sushi area.

[Corrective Action] Thoroughly clean.

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

Inspector Observations:

Observed multiple not working ceiling lights in the kitchen.

[Corrective Action] Ensure ceiling lights are working.

K45 - 2 Points - Floor, walls, ceilings: not built, not maintained, not clean; 114143(d), 114266, 114268, 114268.1, 114271, 114272

Inspector Observations:

1. The floor grout in the kitchen was observed thin.

[Corrective Action] Maintain floors in good condition.

2. Floor observed dirty under the soft serve machine.

[Corrective Action] Thoroughly clean and maintain clean.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Adequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible.

Needs Improvement - Hands clean/properly washed/gloves used properly.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
beef	3 door undercounter cooler	45.00 Fahrenheit	
oyster, fish, shrimp, chicken	walk-in cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine sanitizer	dishwasher machine	10.00 PPM	
chicken	small walk-in cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
soft serve	soft serve machine	40.00 Fahrenheit	
crab salad	2 door upright cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	sushi side
tuna	sashimi display cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
salmon	2 door upright cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	grill side
mussel, fish	3 door upright cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

A complaint investigation was conducted in conjunction with a routine inspection.

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 **4/30/2026**. 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:

[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: Kay
person in charge
Signed On: April 16, 2026