County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility	Site Address	Inspection Date
FA0253427 - BAJA FRESH MEXICAN GRILL	3990 EL CAMINO REAL B, PALO ALTO, CA 94306	06/30/2025

Program	Owner Name	Inspection Time
PR0368984 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10	ANNE NOTO CORPORATION	15:15 - 16:25

Inspected By	Inspection Type	Consent By	FSC
KATHY VO	ROUTINE INSPECTION	JOSE	Daniela Hernandez 02/28/2028

Placard Color & Score

GREEN

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	RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS	IN	OUT Major	OUT Minor	COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
K01	Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						
K02	Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						S
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						S
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		X		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		
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	X	
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		
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

K07 - 8 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations: On the cook top, measured cooked veggies (onion, bell pepper) at 114F. Per PIC, foods were prepared less than an hour prior to temperature measurement and veggies are to be reheated for service. [CA] Potentially Hazardous Foods shall be kept at 41F or below or 135F or above. [SA] PIC agreed to discard the veggies.

Minor Violations

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: At the only handwash sink in the kitchen, observed the soap dispenser is broken. The dispenser is fully stocked and able to dispense soap, but is difficult to operate and leaking. [CA] Repair soap dispenser. Equipment shall be maintained in good repair.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
cut tomato	preparation unit	41.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked chicken	cook top	67.00 Fahrenheit	Cooling. Per PIC, cooked 40 minutes prior.
milk	walk-in cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked beans	steam table	170.00 Fahrenheit	
pico de gallo	self-service salsa bar	41.00 Fahrenheit	
sanitizer (quaternary ammonia)	3-compartment sink	200.00 PPM	
water	preparation sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked beans	cook top	80.00 Fahrenheit	Cooling. Per PIC, cooked 40 minutes prior.
cheese	preparation unit	41.00 Fahrenheit	
water	3-compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked veggies	walk-in cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	steam table	167.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked veggies	cook top	114.00 Fahrenheit	
water	handwash sink	100.00 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 **7/14/2025**.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

Josh

Received By: Jose Rodriguez
Manager

Signed On: June 30, 2025