

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0257007 - SPICE VALLEY		Site Address 3739 MADELINE DR, SAN JOSE, CA 95127		Inspection Date 12/31/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 83		
Program PR0375486 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			Owner Name SANDEEP PATEL		Inspection Time 09:10 - 10:25			
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By SANDEEP PATEL				FSC Sandeep Patel 04/25/2026

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						
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						
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		S
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	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	X	
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	X	
K41	Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices	X	
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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

K06 - 3 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

Inspector Observations: *There is no splash guard separating the handwash sink from the preparation sink back in the kitchen area.*

[CA] *To prevent possible contamination, please install at least six-inch splash guard in between the handwash sink and the preparation sink, and between the handwash sink and the clean utensils storage shelf.*

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: *Some open bag food products were stored on the shelf of in the dry storage area.*

[CA] *Store all open bag food products in properly labeled bulk containers.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Many food products on boxes were stored directly on the floor or on milk crate back in the storage area.*

[CA] *To prevent insect hiding and breeding and for easy cleaning of the floor area, please store all food products at least six inches off the floor on an approved shelf or dunnage rack.*

K34 - 2 Points - Warewashing facilities: not installed or maintained; no test strips; 114067(f,g), 114099, 114099.3, 114099.5, 114101(a), 114101.1, 114101.2, 114103, 114107, 114125

Inspector Observations: *There is no approved sanitizer measuring strip to measure the concentration of the chemicals used to sanitize dishes and utensils in the facility.*

[CA] *Provide approved sanitizer measuring strips for the chemicals used in sanitizing utensils, equipment, and food contact surfaces.*

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: *The wet rice grinder observed back in the kitchen area is not NSF/ANSI approve or ETL/UL sanitation listed.*

[CA] *Equipment used in the facility must be commercial grade one. Replace the grinder with an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited certification program (e.g. NSF, UL EPH, UL Sanitation, CSA Sanitation, or ETL Sanitation) equipment one.*

Many old equipment were stored in the back of the kitchen area.

[CA] *Please remove all non-working equipment from the facility to provide employees easy access to the back exit and the janitorial sink.*

K40 - 2 Points - Wiping cloths: improperly used and stored; 114135, 114185.1 114185.3(d,e)

Inspector Observations: *Couple of wet/soiled wiping cloths were stored on the counters.*

[CA] *Wet/soiled wiping cloths must be stored in a bucket that has standard sanitizer concentration in between use which is 200 ppm quaternary ammonia or 100 ppm chlorine (bleach).*

K41 - 2 Points - Plumbing unapproved, not installed, not in good repair; improper backflow devices; 114171, 114189.1, 114190, 114192, 114193, 114193.1, 114199, 114201, 114269

Inspector Observations: *Water is leaking from the plumbing structure of the walk-in cooler.*

[CA] *Repair the leak immediately.*

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

Inspector Observations: *There are multiple missing ceiling tiles above the walk-in cooler.*

[CA] *To prevent insect/rodent infestation, please replace the missing ceiling panel immediately.*

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Milk	Walk-in cooler	38.00 Fahrenheit	
Paneer	Walk-in cooler	34.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	Three compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Note: 1. Food safety manager certificate: Sandeep Patel - 04/25/2026

2. The facility conducts food preparation including frying and packaging of snacks and cereals that will be distribute to different stores in the county.

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 **1/14/2026**. 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: Sandeep Patel
Owner
Signed On: December 31, 2025