

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0307932 - LUCY'S MEXICAN GRILL		Site Address 1687 BRANHAM LN, SAN JOSE, CA 95118		Inspection Date 10/15/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 93		
Program PR0451536 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name LUCY'S MEXICAN GRILL		Inspection Time 10:30 - 11:50			
Inspected By HELEN DINH		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By ANNA (C) & ALEXANDER				FSC Not Available

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						
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						S
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							
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	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		
K36	Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use	X	
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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: 1. Lacking food safety certificate (FSC). [CA] Food facilities that prepare, handle, or serve non-prepackaged potentially hazard foods shall have a valid Food Safety Certificate available for review at all times.

2. Lacking food handlers card. [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.

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

Inspector Observations: Found food stored on the floor in walk-in-freezer. [CA] Food shall be stored a minimum of 6 inches off the floor.

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: Found several scoops with handle in direct contact with food items at hot service line and bulk bin in back prep area. [CA] Store scoop handle in such a way that the handle does not come in direct contact with food to prevent contamination.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
chorizo	2 door cold top	41.00 Fahrenheit	
warm water	handsink (prep & warewash area)	100.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	walk-in	41.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	hot inserts	184.00 Fahrenheit	
pulled chicken	walk-in	41.00 Fahrenheit	
pulled chicken	2 door cold top	41.00 Fahrenheit	
raw shrimp	2 door cold top	31.00 Fahrenheit	
sauce	1 door cold top/reach in	35.00 Fahrenheit	
sliced tomato	cold inserts	48.00 Fahrenheit	diligent prep
warm water	handsink (RR) under sensor	107.60 Fahrenheit	
beef tongue/head	hot inserts	148.00 Fahrenheit	
fries	2 door reach in	39.00 Fahrenheit	
meat	walk-in-freezer	-6.80 Fahrenheit	
pico de gallo	cold inserts	45.00 Fahrenheit	diligent prep
bacon	flat top	178.00 Fahrenheit	
beverages	1 door upright	26.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	sani bucket	100.00 PPM	
beverage	ice bath	32.00 Fahrenheit	
shredded cheese	cold inserts	41.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	warewash/1-comp	120.00 Fahrenheit	
beans	hot inserts	150.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

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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 **10/29/2025**. 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.

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: Ana Ramirez
Chef
Signed On: October 15, 2025