

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0240119 - EL POLLO LOCO		Site Address 1090 S WHITE RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95127		Inspection Date 12/19/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 92		
Program PR0340144 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP13			Owner Name COASTAL VALLEY ENTERPR		Inspection Time 15:10 - 16:25			
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By ALICIA RODRIGUEZ				FSC Daniel Velansquez 3/20/2028

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						
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						S
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		
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		
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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

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: Some freshly rewashed utensils were stacked together on the utensil storage shelf.

[CA] Air dry all clean utensils before staking them together.

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

Inspector Observations: The maximum water temperature on the preparation sink was measured at 100 oF.

[CA] Raise the water temperature on the preparation sink to 120 oF immediately.

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

Inspector Observations: There are some gaps between the screens of the exhaust vent.

[CA] To capture all the grease and steam produced by the cooking equipment by the exhaust vent, please seal the gaps immediately.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Hot water	Three compartment sink	125.00 Fahrenheit	
Guacamole	Preparation fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Steam table	156.00 Fahrenheit	
Beans	Hot holding unit	150.00 Fahrenheit	
Diced tomato	Preparation fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken	Walk-in cooler	35.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken	Cooking	194.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken	Upright oven	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Minced chicken	Hot holding unit	145.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Upright oven	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Quaternary ammonia	Three compartment sink	200.00 PPM	
Bean	Upright oven	158.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	Preparation fridge	34.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Note: 1. Food safety manager certificate: Daniel Velansquez - 3/20/2028

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 **1/2/2026**. 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.

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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



Received By: Alicia Rodriguez
Shift Leader

Signed On: December 19, 2025