

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0210255 - LA PENITA RESTAURANT		Site Address 601 S 1ST ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95113		Inspection Date 12/16/2024		Placard Color & Score GREEN 75		
Program PR0304205 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name DURAN, ROSA		Inspection Time 12:00 - 13:20			
Inspected By KAYA ALASSFAR		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By LORENA				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						
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				
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	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		
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	X	
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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: Manager Food Safety Certificate is expired.

[CA] Provide an up to date FSC.

Employees food handler cards are expired.

[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.

K04 - 3 Points - Improper eating, tasting, drinking or tobacco use in food preparation area; 113977

Inspector Observations: Open coffee mug on prep table.

[CA] No employee shall eat or drink in the food prep, food contact storage, or food storage areas, use designated area.

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

Inspector Observations: PHFs (eggs, ground pork, cheese, sliced tomatoes) held inside the prep refrigerator are measured between 43F and 44F.

[CA] PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above.

K09 - 3 Points - Improper cooling methods; 114002, 114002.1

Inspector Observations: Beans are being cooled in large deep plastic containers.

[CA] Cool foods using approved containers which facilitate heat transfer, such as metal.

Approved cooling methods include: 1) Placing the food in shallow pans 2) Separating the food into thinner or smaller portions. 3) Using rapid cooling equipment (Ex. blast chiller) 4) Using containers that facilitate heat transfer (ex. stainless steel) 5) Adding ice as an ingredient. 6) Using ice paddles 7) Using an ice bath and stirring frequently 8) Accordance with a HACCP plan. Cooling foods shall have enough space around the containers for cold air to circulate, be loosely covered, or uncovered and stirred as frequently needed to evenly cool.

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: Chlorine concentration is measured at 50ppm at the 3-comp sink during active warewashing.

[CA] Maintain chemical solution for manual warewashing at 100 ppm (1Tbs of bleach (5.25%)/gal of water) for chlorine and 200 ppm (1 tbs of quaternary ammonium (10%)/2 gal of water) for quaternary ammonium.

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: Raw shelled eggs are stored next to cooked vegetable inside the prep refrigerator.

[CA] All food shall be separated and protected from cross-contamination. Store all raw meat or other raw products of animal origin below ready-to-eat food items.

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

Inspector Observations: Open bags of bulk food are stored directly on the floor.

[CA] Food shall be stored at least 6 inches above the floor to prevent contamination. Store open bulk foods in approved NSF containers with tight fitting lids.

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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: Ambient temperature of the prep refrigerator measured at 44F.

[CA] Refrigeration must be capable of maintaining PHFs at 41°F or below.

K39 - 2 Points - Thermometers missing or inaccurate; 114157, 114159

Inspector Observations: Thermometer is not available inside the prep refrigerator.

[CA] A thermometer +/- 2°F shall be provided and correctly located in each hot and cold holding unit containing potentially hazardous foods.

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

Inspector Observations: Accumulation of debris on floors and in between equipments, accumulation of grease and dust debris on walls and ceiling.

[CA] Walls and/or floors in food preparation area shall be kept clean.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

N/A

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
BEANS	HOT HOLDING	135.00 Fahrenheit	
RAW EGGS	PREP REFRIGERATOR	41.00 Fahrenheit	
CHLORINE	SANITIZER BUCKET	100.00 PPM	
SALSA	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	41.00 Fahrenheit	
CHICKEN	HOT HOLDING	145.00 Fahrenheit	
RICE	HOT HOLDING	145.00 Fahrenheit	
WATER	RESTROOM HAND SINK	100.00 Fahrenheit	
WATER	3-COMP SINK	120.00 Fahrenheit	
BEANS	UPRIGHT REFRIGERATOR	50.00 Fahrenheit	COOLING
SALSA VERDE	REACH IN REFRIGERATOR	41.00 Fahrenheit	
CHLORINE	3-COMP SINK	50.00 PPM	

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 **12/30/2024**. 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: GUSTAVO SILVA
MANAGER
Signed On: December 16, 2024