

# County of Santa Clara

## Department of Environmental Health

### Consumer Protection Division

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## OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

<b>Facility</b> FA0203300 - CHAPALA MEXICAN RESTAURANT		<b>Site Address</b> 810 TENNANT STATION, MORGAN HILL, CA 95037		<b>Inspection Date</b> 05/12/2026	
<b>Program</b> PR0307369 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			<b>Owner Name</b> GUERRA R., ESPERANZA		<b>Inspection Time</b> 12:45 - 14:30
<b>Inspected By</b> GINA STIEHR		<b>Inspection Type</b> ROUTINE INSPECTION		<b>Consent By</b> DANIEL BRAVO	
<b>FSC</b> Esparanza Guerra 08/03/2028					

<b>Placard Color &amp; Score</b>
<b>GREEN</b>
<b>89</b>

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		X			N
K07 Proper hot and cold holding temperatures			X				N
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		
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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<b>K48</b> Plan review		
<b>K49</b> Permits available		
<b>K58</b> Placard properly displayed/posted		

## Comments and Observations

### Major Violations

K06 - 8 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

**Inspector Observations: No paper towels at bar handwash station. Per PIC, they are out of paper towels and are getting a delivery today. [CA] Ensure handwash stations are stocked with soap and paper towels at all times. [SA] Staff will use kitchen handwash station as a suitable alternative until they can get the paper towels delivered.**

### Minor Violations

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

**Inspector Observations: Observed potentially hazardous food that measured in the temperature danger zone located in the larger food prep cold hold unit (tomatoes 48F, cheese 49F). Per staff, the PHFs were loaded into the unit 1 hour prior to the inspection. [CA] Ensure PHFs are properly cold held at 41F or below OR hot held at 135F or above. Repair, adjust or replace units if necessary. [COS] Staff relocated PHFs to walk-in cooler to quickly cool down and will adjust unit to ensure PHFs are properly cold held at 41F or below.**

### Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Proper hot and cold holding temperatures.  
Needs Improvement - Adequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible.

### Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
hot water	handwash	100.00 Fahrenheit	
chicken	walk-in cooler	38.00 Fahrenheit	
shredded chicken	hot hold	148.00 Fahrenheit	
diced tomatoes	food prep cold hold	48.00 Fahrenheit	
beef	reach-in freezer	13.00 Fahrenheit	
cheese	food prep cold hold	49.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	warewash machine	50.00 PPM	
beef	walk-in cooler	37.00 Fahrenheit	
shrimp	small food prep cold hold	40.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	food prep sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
soup	walk-in cooler	43.00 Fahrenheit	made yesterday
hot water	bar 3 comp	120.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	cooling (ice bath and in shallow container)	134.00 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 **5/26/2026**. 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



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**Received By:** Daniel Bravo  
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**Signed On:** May 12, 2026