

County of Santa Clara
Department of Environmental Health
Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0253802 - MEXICO LINDO		Site Address 5635 SILVER CREEK VALLEY RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95112		Inspection Date 01/09/2025	
Program PR0369724 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP14			Owner Name VC RESTAURANT GROUP, LI		Inspection Time 11:40 - 13:15
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By ALFREDO	FSC Not Available		

Placard Color & Score
GREEN
70

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			
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		
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	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	X	
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	X	
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	X
K58	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: There was no soap supply on the kitchen's preparation area handwash station.
[CA] Refill the wall-mounted soap dispenser immediately. Until the wall-mounted soap dispenser is refilled/fixed, provide a pump-type soap dispenser. The facility manager provided a pump-type soap dispenser (COS).

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: Repeated violation: There is not a food safety manager certified person in the facility.
[CA] Someone from the facility must take a food safety certificate class within two months and keep copy of the certificate on file.

Food Safety Manager certificate class may be taken on the following websites:

1. Premier Food Safety:
<https://www.premierfoodsafety.com/food-manager-certification/california>
2. Learn 2 Serve:
<https://www.360training.com/learn2serve/food-safety-manager/California>
3. Serve Safe Manager:
<https://www.servsafe.com/ServSafe-Manager>

Couple of the employees do not have food handler cards.
[CA] Employee engaged in food preparation, storage, and service and who do not have food safety certificate must take food handler cards within a month of hire.

California approved Food Handler Card (FHC) class providers
All Directory Listing
(<https://anabpd.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/certificate-issuers/AllDirectoryListing?prgID=228,238&statusID=4nsi.org>)

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: There is a slime buildup inside the ice machine.
[CA] Clean the internal part of the ice machine regularly.

Some recently washed utensils were stacked together on the utensil storage shelf.
[CA] Air dry all clean utensils before staking them together.

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

Inspector Observations: Some food products on boxes including syrup were stored directly on the floor or on milk crate back in the kitchen 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 approved shelf or dunnage rack.

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

K38 - 2 Points - Inadequate ventilation and lighting in designated area; 114149, 114149.1, 114149.2, 114149.3, 114252, 114252.1

Inspector Observations: Repeated violation: There are gaps in between the screens of the exhaust hood.
[CA] To trap all the steam, smoke, grease, and heat produced by the equipment located below the exhaust hood, seal the gaps observed between the screens.

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

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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: *There is a heavy leakage from the bar's handwash station.*

[CA] *Repair the leakage immediately.*

K44 - 2 Points - Premises not clean, not in good repair; No personal/chemical storage; inadequate vermin-proofing; 114067(j), 114123, 114143 (a,b), 114256, 114256.1, 114256.2, 114256.4, 114257, 114257.1, 114259, 114259.2, 114259.3, 114279, 114281, 114282

Inspector Observations: *Couple of open cup employee drinks were stored on the preparation tables.*

[CA] *To prevent possible contamination, employees may only drink with covered cup container and store their drink in designated areas.*

Employee belongings including clothes and backpacks were stored on the utensil and food storage shelves.

[CA] *Employee belongings must be stored in designated area.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Food residue and slime buildup was observed on the floor and the floor sinks located below the preparation and wash sinks, and below the equipment stands.*

[CA] *Conduct a thorough and regular cleaning on the floor areas.*

K49 - 2 Points - Permits not available; 114067(b,c), 114381(a), 114387

Inspector Observations: **--48 HOUR NOTICE--**

Our records indicate this facility is operating without a valid permit and has a delinquent account. Your balance due is \$ 2,153.75 Payment must be made immediately to DEH at the address at the top of this report or via our website at www.Ehinfo.org/payment using the account ID number AR1291003.

A facility that submits payment of the outstanding balance within 48 hours (2 business days) of this notice will be issued and mailed an operating permit by this department. Failure to comply within 48 hours will result in facility closure and additional enforcement, including but not limited to reinspection(s) and additional cost recovery fees.

A facility found to be in continued operation without a permit may incur a penalty of three (3) times the operating permit fee, and fee(s) for re-inspection(s) charged at the current hourly rate approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Penalties and fees incurred due to enforcement activities must be paid in full prior to the issuance of an operating permit.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Pork	Steam table	155.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	Preparation fridge	35.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef	Steam table	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef	Walk-in cooler	35.00 Fahrenheit	
Guacamole	Preparation fridge	41.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	Three compartment sink	124.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken	Steam table	159.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Steam table	159.00 Fahrenheit	
Chlorine	Mechanical dishwasher	50.00 PPM	

Overall Comments:

Note: *Food safety manager certificate and food handler cards were not found on file.*

2. Most of the above violations are repeated violations from the previous routine inspection. These violations must be addressed immediately.

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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 **1/23/2025**. 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: Andres Valencia
Owner

Signed On: January 09, 2025