

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0261004 - EL POLLO LOCO		Site Address 665 COLEMAN AV, SAN JOSE, CA 95110		Inspection Date 12/20/2023	
Program PR0382660 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP13			Owner Name SVALE/SC EL POLLO LOCO,		Inspection Time 15:30 - 16:30
Inspected By LAWRENCE DODSON	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION	Consent By ELIANA MELGOZA	FSC Maria Martinez 2/18/2026		

Placard Color & Score
GREEN
86

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					
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		
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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K48 Plan review		
K49 Permits available		
K58 Placard properly displayed/posted		

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

K07 - 8 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations: Cooked corn hot holding in drawer refrigerator measured <135F,<1hr.

[CA] PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above. [SA] PIC reheated corn to 165F for hot holding at 135F.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: Food handler cards are not available for review at time of inspection.

[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.

K23 - 3 Points - Observed rodents, insects, birds, or animals; 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5

Inspector Observations: Drain flies are observed at self-service drink station and in kitchen near the office.

[CA] Food facility shall be kept free of non-disease carrying insects, weevils, ants, gnats, and fruit flies.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
cooked chicken	grill	189.00 Fahrenheit	
walk-in refrigerator	storage	35.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked corn	hot holding/drawer	115.00 Fahrenheit	reheated to 165F for hot holding at 165F.
raw chicken	walk-in refrigerator	38.00 Fahrenheit	
sanitizer concentration	sanitizer bucket	20.00 PPM	quaternary ammonium
hot water	3 compartment sink	126.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	rice cooker	176.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	hand wash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked chicken	preparation table	119.00 Fahrenheit	active preparation
sanitizer concentration	3 compartment sink	200.00 PPM	
mac and cheese	hot holding	160.00 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 **1/3/2024**. 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.

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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: Eliana Melgoza
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Signed On: December 20, 2023