

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0306408 - COVALE		Site Address 7534 GOURMET ALLEY, GILROY, CA 95020		Inspection Date 03/18/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 87		
Program PR0449718 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 1 - FP09			Owner Name COVALE LLC		Inspection Time 16:35 - 17:45			
Inspected By GUILLERMO VAZQUEZ		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By RICHARD L.				FSC Alejandro Ceja /28/28

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS		IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
			Major	Minor				
K01	Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						N
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	X			N
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		
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

K15 - 8 Points - Food not obtained from approved source; 113980, 113982, 114021-114031, 114041

Inspector Observations: *Red Rose Michelada Mix has no Processed Food Registration (PFR) with the state and cannot be sold at facility.*

[CA] *Food must be from an approved source or properly documented. Provide a PFR for product.*

[SA] *Product was removed from the shelves.*

Minor Violations

K06 - 3 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

Inspector Observations: *Hand wash station in the back of the facility was missing paper towels at the time of inspection.*

[CA] *Hand wash stations must be fully stocked and operational at all times.*

[COS] *PIC added paper towels into dispenser.*

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

Inspector Observations: *Fan guards within the walk in have dust build up at the time of inspection.*

[CA] *Nonfood-contact surfaces of equipment shall be kept free of an accumulation of dust, dirt, food residue, and other debris.*

Clean/sanitize regularly.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Demonstration of knowledge; food manager certification.

Needs Improvement - Adequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Pepperoni	Prep table	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Sanitizer (Chlorine)	Dish washer	50.00 PPM	
Ambient	Walk in	39.00 Fahrenheit	Drinks/beer
Ambient	Under counter freezer	5.00 Fahrenheit	
Hot water	3-Compartment	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Warm water	Hand wash/restrooms	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Tomato	Prep table	40.00 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 **4/1/2026**. 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: Richard L.
Owner
Signed On: March 18, 2026