

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0207928 - CARDENAS #203 - TAQUERIA		Site Address 235 E JULIAN ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95112		Inspection Date 08/11/2026		Placard Color & Score RED 75		
Program PR0305120 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP14			Owner Name MI PUEBLO NEWCO, LLC		Inspection Time 13:30 - 14:30			
Inspected By LAWRENCE DODSON		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By JORGE HARO				FSC Jose L Sandoval Magona 10/06/2026

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						S
K04	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						S
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		
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		
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

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

Inspector Observations: PHF held at preparation table measured >41F,<135F,>4hrs
[CA] PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above.

Follow-up By 08/14/2026

K23 - 8 Points - Observed rodents, insects, birds, or animals; 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5

Inspector Observations: 1. Observed Vermin: Documented in the following areas: 5 live cockroaches of different generations found at floor of cookline.
2. Photographs: Taken for documentation purposes.
3. Supervisor Notified: Samantha Khan.
4. Notification: The person in charge during inspection, Jorge Haro, has been informed that the facility must close immediately.

Follow-up By 08/14/2026

[CA]: The premises of each food facility must be maintained free of vermin. A facility cannot operate if there is a vermin infestation that leads to contamination of food contact surfaces, packaging, utensils, food equipment, or adulteration of food. The facility is required to cease operations immediately and must remain closed until all corrective actions on the provided checklist are completed.

Requirements Before Reopening:

1. Email the signed and completed Reopening Checklist to the assigned inspector.
2. Submit a copy of the pest control report from a licensed provider.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: Mens restroom lacks liquid hand cleanser.
[CA] Provide handwashing cleanser in dispenser at handwash stations at all times.

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: Self service agua fresca is not protected by covering or sneeze guard.
[CA] Food on display shall be protected from cross-contamination, by the use of an approved sneeze guard that intercept a direct line between the consumer's mouth and the food being displayed.

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 standing refrigerator measured at 49F
[CA] Refrigeration must be capable of maintaining PHFs at 41°F or below.

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

Inspector Observations: Junction at floor and wall separating.[CA] The juncture of the floor and wall shall be covered with a 3/8-inch minimum radius coving and shall extend up the wall at least 4 inches.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

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Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
raw eggs	preparation table	78.00 Fahrenheit	
water	3 compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
water	hand wash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked beef	steam table	170.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked tamale	warmer	167.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked rice	warmer	140.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked chicken	steam table	168.00 Fahrenheit	
sanitizer concentration	3 compartment sink	200.00 PPM	quaternary ammonium
standing refrigerator	storage	49.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

CLOSURE / PERMIT SUSPENSION NOTICE

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 **8/25/2026**. 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.

This notice is to inform you that as of this date the Environmental Health Permit for the above mentioned food facility is hereby suspended and all operations therewith are ordered to cease. This action is taken in accordance with Section 114409 of the California Health and Safety Code which states 'If any imminent health hazard is found, unless the hazard is immediately corrected, an enforcement officer may temporarily suspend the permit and order the food facility or cottage food operation immediately closed.'

You have the right to make a written request for a hearing within 15 days after receipt of this notice to show just cause why the permit suspension is not warranted. Failure to request such a hearing within the 15-day period shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing. After these violations have been corrected, you must call the Department of Environmental Health for a reinspection to reinstate the permit to operate. Phone #: (408)918-3400.

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: Jorge Haro
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Signed On: August 11, 2026