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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION FORM

FACILITY NAME Tacos Del Valle				DATE 12/20/2021		TIME IN 9:00 AM		TIME OUT 11:00 AM	
ADDRESS 68467 E Palm Canyon Dr, Cathedral City, CA 92234				FACILITY DESCRIPTION Not Applicable					
PERMIT HOLDER Samuel Solis				EMAIL Not Specified				Major Violations 2	
PERMIT # PR0082871	EXPIRATION DATE 09/30/2022	SERVICE Routine inspection	REINSPECTION DATE 4/20/2022	FACILITY PHONE # (760)673-4975	PE 3620	DISTRICT 0025	INSPECTOR NAME Carolinn Shay		Points Deducted 20

The conditions listed below correspond to violations of the California Health and Safety Code and/or Riverside County Ordinances and must be corrected as indicated by the enforcement officer. The Department of Environmental Health appreciates your cooperation.

Failure to correct listed violation(s) prior to the designated compliance date may necessitate an additional reinspection at a charge determined by Riverside County Ordinance 640.

Major / Minor Violations: Major Violations are those that pose an imminent risk to public health and warrant immediate closure of the food facility or immediate correction. Minor Violations are those violations that do not pose an imminent public health risk, but do warrant correction.

GRADE REPRESENTS THE FOLLOWING RANGES: A = 100-90 Passed inspection / meets minimum health standards. B = 89-80 Did not pass inspection / does not meet minimum health standards. C = 79-0 Failed inspection / conditions exist which may pose a potential or actual threat to public health and safety. The facility is required to display a grade card in a conspicuous place selected by the Enforcement Officer. The grade card shall not be concealed and can only be removed or relocated by the Enforcement Officer per County Ordinance 492 / County Code Section 8.40.020

B
SCORE 80

☒ In = In compliance ☒ COS = Corrected on-site ☐ N/O = Not observed ☐ N/A = Not applicable ☐ OUT = Out of compliance

DEMONSTRATION OF KNOWLEDGE			COS	MAJ	OUT	
In	N/A	1. Food safety certification			2	
EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND HYGIENIC PRACTICES						
In		2. Communicable disease; reporting, restrictions and exclusions		4		
In	N/O	3. No persistent discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth			2	
In	N/O	4. Proper eating, tasting, drinking or tobacco use			2	
PREVENTING CONTAMINATION BY HANDS						
In	N/O	5. Hands clean and properly washed; gloves used properly		4	2	
In		6. Adequate handwashing facilities supplied and accessible			2	
TIME AND TEMPERATURE RELATIONSHIPS						
In	N/O	N/A	7. Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	+	4	2
In	N/O	N/A	8. Time as a public health control; procedures and records		4	2
In	N/O	N/A	9. Proper cooling methods		4	2
In	N/O	N/A	10. Proper cooking time and temperature		4	2
In	N/O	N/A	11. Proper reheating procedures for hot holding		4	
PROTECTION FROM CONTAMINATION						
In	N/O	N/A	12. Returned and re-service of food			2
In		13. Food: unadulterated, no spoilage, no contamination		4	2	
In	N/O	N/A	14. Food contact surfaces: clean and sanitized		4	2

FOOD FROM APPROVED SOURCES			COS	MAJ	OUT	
In		15. Food obtained from approved sources		4	2	
In	N/O	N/A	16. Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display			2
In	N/O	N/A	17. Compliance with Gulf Oyster regulations			2
CONFORMANCE WITH APPROVED PROCEDURES						
In		N/A	18. Compliance with variance, specialized process, and HACCP plan			2
CONSUMER ADVISORY						
In		N/A	19. Written disclosure and reminder statements provided for raw or undercooked foods			1
SCHOOL AND HEALTHCARE PROHIBITED FOODS						
In		N/A	20. Licensed health care facilities / public and private schools; prohibited foods not offered		4	2
WATER / HOT WATER						
In			21. Hot and cold water available		4	2
LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL						
In			22. Sewage and wastewater properly disposed		4	2
VERMIN						
In			23. No rodents, insects, birds, or animals		4	2
In	N/A		24. Vermin proofing, air curtains, self-closing doors			1

SUPERVISION / PERSONAL CLEANLINESS		OUT
25. Person in charge present and performs duties, demonstration of knowledge		2
26. Personal cleanliness and hair restraints		1
GENERAL FOOD SAFETY REQUIREMENTS		
27. Approved thawing methods, frozen food storage		1
28. Food separated and protected from contamination		2
29. Washing fruits and vegetables		1
30. Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		1
FOOD STORAGE / DISPLAY / SERVICE		
31. Adequate food storage; food storage containers identified		1
32. Consumer self-service		1
33. Food properly labeled; honestly presented; menu labeling		1

EQUIPMENT / UTENSILS / LINENS		OUT
34. Utensils and equipment approved, good repair		1
35. Warewashing: installed, maintained, proper use, test materials		1
36. Equipment / utensils: installed, clean, adequate capacity		1
37. Equipment, utensils, and linens: storage and use		1
38. Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas, use		1
39. Thermometers provided and accurate		1
40. Wiping cloths: properly used and stored		1
PHYSICAL FACILITIES		
41. Plumbing: properly installed, good repair		1
42. Refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		1
43. Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		1
44. Premises; personal item storage and cleaning item storage		1

PERMANENT FOOD FACILITIES		OUT
45. Floors, walls, ceilings: good repair / fully enclosed		1
46. Floors, walls, and ceilings: clean		1
47. No unapproved private homes / living or sleeping quarters		1
SIGNS / REQUIREMENTS		
48. Last inspection report available		
49. Food Handler certifications available, current, and complete		1
50. Grade card and signs posted, visible		
COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT		
51. Plans approved / submitted		
52. Permit available / current		
53. Permit suspended / revoked		
54. Voluntary condemnation		
55. Impound		



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1. FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

POINTS

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Inspector Comments: No food manager certificate was available at the time of inspection. Food facilities that prepare, handle or serve unpackaged potentially hazardous food, shall have an employee who has passed an approved food safety certification examination. Maintain at least one valid food manager certification on-site. Email proof of registration in an approved food manager course or a valid certificate by 1/20/2021 to the inspector.

Violation Description: Food facilities that prepare, handle or serve non-prepackaged potentially hazardous food, shall have an employee who has passed an approved food safety certification examination. Food safety certificate must be maintained at the food facility and made available for inspection. (113947.1 - 113947.5)

5. HANDS CLEAN & PROPERLY WASHED; GLOVES USED PROPERLY

POINTS

2

Inspector Comments: Observed employees pick up trash and other unclean items and then commence preparing food directly touching food with bare hands that had not been washed. Inspector ordered all food items that had been touched to be disposed of. Employees are required to properly wash their hands before handling food, during food preparation, after using the toilet room or any time when contamination may result.

Violation Description: Employees hands and exposed arms shall be kept clean, with fingernails properly trimmed. Employees are required to properly wash their hands: before handling food, equipment, or utensils; as often as necessary during food preparation, to remove soil and contamination; when switching from working with raw to ready-to-eat food; before putting on gloves and working with food; after touching body parts; after using toilet room; or any time when contamination may occur. Employees shall minimize bare hand and arm contact with non-prepackaged food that is in ready-to-eat form. Whenever gloves are worn, they shall be changed or replaced as often as handwashing is required. Approved hand sanitizer can be used in addition to proper handwashing. (113952, 113953.3, 113953.4, 113961, 113968, 113973)

6. ADEQUATE HANDWASHING FACILITIES SUPPLIED & ACCESSIBLE

POINTS

2

Inspector Comments: Observed the cookline handwash sink backing up and also the piping under the sink was leaking. The water did not get hot at the time of inspection. Observed no hot water and no paper towels at the bathroom handwash sink. Restore hot water to both sinks. Repair the leak and provide that the sink drains properly. Provide a wall mounted paper towel dispenser in the restroom. Employees shall use the prep area handwas sink to properly was hands.

Violation Description: Adequate facilities exclusively for handwashing shall be provided in food preparation areas and within toilet rooms. Handwashing soap, and towels or drying device, shall be provided in dispensers. Handwashing facilities shall be clean, unobstructed, and accessible at all times for employee use. (113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f), 114143 (e))

7. PROPER HOT & COLD HOLDING TEMPERATURES

⚠ CRITICAL ⚠

POINTS

4

Inspector Comments: Observed the following potentially hazardous food items not held at proper temperature:

1. Cooked beef at 47F on a stool at the cookline.
2. Cooked rice at 47F in the cookline table top refrigerator.
3. Salsas in individual portions at 50F.
4. Shredded cheese not in temperature control at 52F.
5. Cooked meats in the steam table at 56F.
6. Cooked meat in the reach in cooler at 46F

All items were ordered disposed of because they had been out of temperature for more than four hours or there were also contamination issues. See #13 below.

Potentially hazardous foods shall be held at or below 41°F or at or above 135°F.

Violation Description: Potentially hazardous food shall be held at or below 41°F / 45°F or at or above 135°F. Potentially hazardous food removed from proper holding temperature during preparation must be returned to proper temperature within 2 hours. Potentially hazardous food shall be received at proper temperature without evidence of temperature abuse. (113996, 113998, 114037)



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13. FOOD: UNADULTERATED, NO SPOILAGE, NO CONTAMINATION

⚠ CRITICAL ⚠

POINTS

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Inspector Comments: Observed the following:

1. An employee prepping cooked meats on an unclean food contact surface. Employee also set a wire basket with egg shells and other trash on top of the food being prepped.
 2. Lettuce in direct contact with the soiled lid of the cookline prep table.
 3. Cooked meat in direct contact with an unapproved plastic shopping bag in the cookline reach in refrigerator.
 4. Sliced onion on a soiled cardboard box in the cookline reach in refrigerator.
 5. Produce stored on raw packaged meats in the reach in refrigerator.
- All contaminated food was ordered disposed of.

All food shall be manufactured, produced, prepared, compounded, packed, stored, transported, kept for sale, and served so as to be pure, free from adulteration and spoilage.

Violation Description: All food shall be manufactured, produced, prepared, compounded, packed, stored, transported, kept for sale, and served to be pure and free from adulteration, spoilage, and contamination. Food shall be fully fit for human consumption. (113967, 113976, 113980, 113982, 113988, 113990, 114035, 114254.3)

14. FOOD CONTACT SURFACES; CLEAN AND SANITIZED

POINTS

2

Inspector Comments: Observed soiled food contact surfaces throughout the facility, the food prep sink completely filled with soiled dishes, and no sanitizer container set up although active food prep was occurring. The 3 compartment sink was also completely blocked with items. A fly swatter was observed directly on a food prep table at the cookline. No sanitizer test strips were available. Inspector provided educational information to the operator on proper sanitation and facility did have a container of sanitizer available.

All food contact surfaces shall be properly washed, rinsed, sanitized, and air dried.

Wash water shall be maintained at a minimum of 100°F to facilitate proper washing of food contact surfaces.

Food contact surfaces shall be properly sanitized using one of the following methods: 100ppm chlorine for 30 seconds; 200ppm quaternary ammonia for 60 seconds; or 25ppm iodine for 60 seconds. Provide test strips to test the sanitizer and maintain in an approved manner.

Violation Description: All food contact surfaces of utensils and equipment shall be properly cleaned and sanitized. Food contact surfaces shall be clean to the sight and touch, no accumulation of dust, dirt, food residue, and other debris. (114097, 114099.1, 114099.2, 114099.4, 114099.6, 114099.7, 114101(b-d), 114105, 114109, 114111, 114113, 114115, 114117, 114118, 114123, 114125(b), 114130.2, 114130.5, 114141)

24. VERMIN PROOFING, AIR CURTAINS, SELF-CLOSING DOORS

POINTS

1

Inspector Comments: Observed sticky fly tape in the food prep area. Signs of vermin were not apparent at the time of inspection. Provide approved fly lights for the facility and obtain a licensed pest control company to service your facility monthly. Maintain facility free of vermin.

Violation Description: Each food facility shall be constructed, equipped, maintained, and operated to prevent the entrance and harborage of animals, including birds and vermin. (114259, 114259.2, 114259.3)

34. UTENSILS AND EQUIPMENT APPROVED, GOOD REPAIR

POINTS

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Inspector Comments: Observed the following:

1. Frozen foods in the reach in freezer completely encased in ice buildup and the freezer door not properly closing. Defrost the freezer and provide that it is free of ice buildup and the door closes properly.
2. The steam table at the cookline is not installed properly and is not approved. The steam table connections were not connected. Properly plumb the steam table drain line to a floor sink and the fill line with an approved potable water connection.
3. Discontinue use of the domestic microwave and all of the unapproved plastic/domestic containers and remove them from the facility. All utensils and equipment shall be approved commercial grade.
4. Store all pots and other food items off of the floor on approved shelving. Maintain in an approved manner.

Violation Description: All utensils and equipment shall be approved and in good repair. (114130, 114130.1-114130.6, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114175, 114177, 114257)



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36. EQUIPMENT / UTENSILS PROPERLY INSTALLED, CLEAN; ADEQUATE CAPACITY

POINTS

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Inspector Comments: Clean the buildup from inside the refrigerators, around the cooking equipment and from the sinks throughout the facility. Maintain clean.

Violation Description: All utensils and equipment shall be clean and installed in an approved manner. Equipment type and quantity shall be adequate for the operation. (114115, 114130.3, 114139, 114153, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114180, 114182, 114257)

46. FLOORS, WALLS, AND CEILINGS: CLEAN

POINTS

1

Inspector Comments: Clean the buildup from the floors under the equipment and sinks throughout the facility and maintain clean.

Violation Description: Floors, walls, and ceilings shall be maintained clean. (114257, 114268.1)

49. FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATIONS AVAILABLE, CURRENT, COMPLETE

POINTS

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Inspector Comments: Provide that all employees have a valid Riverside County Food handler card within one week of commencing work. Operator stated the two employees onsite were new.

Violation Description: County of Riverside Environmental Health Food Handler Certification(s) are available and current for all employees who prepare, store, or serve exposed food. (Riverside County Ordinance 567)

Overall Inspection Comments

This routine inspection was conducted with a complaint investigation alleging that the facility is not clean, sinks are clogged and food is improperly stored. This facility failed to meet the minimum California Health and Safety code standards and scored a 80=B. A reinspection has been scheduled for 12/27/2021. Correct the violations as indicated on this report to be rescored. "B" card posted do not remove or obscure.

Did you know that effective January 1, 2018, the California Health and Safety Code was amended to make it easier for food facilities to donate food? Please consider donating your excess food product to a local food bank, pantry, or soup kitchen. As a good faith food donor, you are protected from civil and criminal liability if the food product later causes harm to its recipient, unless the injury is a direct result of gross negligence or intentional misconduct in the preparation or handling of the donated food. See Section 171425 of the Civil Code and Sections 114432 to 114434 inclusive of the Health and Safety Code. For more information visit our website at www.rivcoeh.org.

Signature

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COVID 19 pandemic.

Email to Sammy Solis
Person in Charge

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Carolinn Shay
Environmental Health Specialist

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REASONS FOR IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF A FOOD FACILITY

Per California Health and Safety Code Section 114409 (a):

"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 immediately closed."

A food facility may be closed for any of the following reasons:

- Overflowing sewage (inside or outside the facility)
- No potable water
- No hot water
- No electricity
- Rodent or insect infestation
- Any other conditions at the facility that may create an imminent public health risk

In addition to the reasons above, Per California Health and Safety Code Section 114411:

"The enforcement agency may, after providing opportunity for a hearing, modify, suspend, or revoke a permit for serious or repeated violations of any requirement of this part or for interference in the performance of the duty of the enforcement officer."

No foil or cardboard
on shelves!



PROPER FOOD STORAGE IN REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

Ready-to-Eat
Food

Cooked
Food

Raw Meat,
Raw Eggs

Store cooked and ready-to-eat food above raw food to avoid cross-contamination.
Keep all food covered to prevent contamination

MANUAL SANITIZING OF EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS USING A THREE COMPARTMENT SINK

1. **SCRAPE**, clean, or soak items as necessary before washing.
2. **WASH** items in detergent and hot water of at least 100°F in the first sink.
3. **RINSE** items in clear water in the second sink.
4. **SANITIZE** by submerging each item in a sanitizing solution in the third sink. Use one of the following sanitizing methods:
 - 100ppm of a chlorine based sanitizer for a minimum of 30 seconds in the solution
 - 200ppm of a quaternary ammonium based sanitizer for a minimum of 60 seconds in the solution
 - 25ppm of an iodine based sanitizer for a minimum of 60 seconds in the solution
 - Water at a temperature of 171°F for a minimum of 30 seconds in solution
5. **AIR DRY** all items on the drain board.



PROPER COOLING OF FOOD IN YOUR FACILITY

Potentially hazardous foods should always be rapidly cooled.

TIME IS THE KEY FACTOR IN PROPER COOLING

- Foods must cool from 135°F to 70°F in 2 hours or less
- Foods must cool from 70°F to 41°F in 4 hours or less

Use one of the following methods to cool food properly:

- Break large foods down into smaller portions and place in shallow pans no more than 4 inches deep. Metal pans cool better than glass or plastic pans.
- Add ice as an ingredient to replace water used in the recipe.
- Place foods within an ice bath and frequently stir the foods to speed the cooling process.
- Loosely cover foods so that heat and steam can escape during cooling.
- Arrange containers within a refrigeration unit so that air can flow properly around containers.
- Use special equipment like chill paddles or blast chillers to rapidly bring down food temperature.

Use an accurate thermometer to verify the food is being cooled within proper timeframes.

PROPER FOOD THAWING METHODS



1. Under refrigeration
2. In a microwave oven on "defrost"
3. Submerged under cold running water in an approved preparation sink for no longer than 2 hours
4. As part of the cooking process



INTERNAL COOKING TEMPERATURES

Use a probe thermometer to take internal cooking temperatures

135°F for 15 seconds	145°F for 15 seconds	145°F for 15 seconds	145°F for 15 seconds	155°F for 15 seconds	155°F for 15 seconds	165°F for 15 seconds	165°F for 15 seconds

Food temperature cannot be felt - use your probe thermometer!



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