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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
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FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION FORM

FACILITY NAME <b>Los Tacos Lokos</b>				DATE 8/2/2022		TIME IN 8:30 AM		TIME OUT 11:15 AM	
ADDRESS 3411 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA 92503				FACILITY DESCRIPTION Not Applicable					
PERMIT HOLDER Fernando Velasco				EMAIL lostacoslokosop@gmail.com				Major Violations 2	
PERMIT # PR0084704	EXPIRATION DATE 05/31/2023	SERVICE Routine inspection	REINSPECTION DATE 12/02/2022	FACILITY PHONE # (626)418-9660	PE 3620	DISTRICT 0002	INSPECTOR NAME Brittany Porto	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	7. Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		4	2
In	N/O	8. Time as a public health control; procedures and records		4	2
In	N/O	9. Proper cooling methods		4	2
In	N/O	10. Proper cooking time and temperature		4	2
In	N/O	11. Proper reheating procedures for hot holding		4	
PROTECTION FROM CONTAMINATION					
In	N/O	12. Returned and re-service of food			2
In		13. Food: unadulterated, no spoilage, no contamination		4	2
In	N/O	14. Food contact surfaces: clean and sanitized		4	2
Discussed 200ppm quat / Discussed min 100F					

FOOD FROM APPROVED SOURCES			COS	MAJ	OUT
In		15. Food obtained from approved sources		4	2
In	N/O	16. Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display			2
In	N/O	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
Water Temperature 3-comp 122°F					
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		1
55. Impound		1



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**1. FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION**

POINTS

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**Inspector Comments:** Observed missing Food Manager Certificate. Provide a current Food Safety Certificate by 8/30/22. This is a repeat violation failure to comply will result in further enforcement action (citation, hearing, ect).

**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**

**⚠ CRITICAL ⚠**

POINTS

4

**Inspector Comments:** Observed employee wash hands using only cold water. Instructed employee to rewash hands using a minimum of 100F. Showed employee with thermometer what 100F water feels like. Ensure employees are properly washing hands at all times.

**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)

**7. PROPER HOT & COLD HOLDING TEMPERATURES**

POINTS

2

**Inspector Comments:** Measured the following items inside cold top unit measuring 44F-50F:

- 1) Shredded cheese
- 2) Pico de gallo
- 3) Container of crema
- 4) Container of cooked lengua
- 5) Container of cooked chorizo
- 6) Prepackaged salsa
- 7) Corn
- 8) Raw shrimp
- 9) Frozen fries

Inspector observed lid left open with missing inserts and bottled condiments stored inside unit. Discussed proper storing of food items inside unit to ensure proper holding temperature. Inspector had employee keep lid closed to see if unit holding temperature decreased. Unit was holding at 46F. All items that were stored inside unit overnight were voluntarily discarded at this time.

Measured container of cooked carne asada on prep table adjacent to cookline at 51F. Employee stated meat was removed from walk-in cooler approximately 5 minutes prior to temperature taken to reheat some for steam table. Employee relocated carne asada to walk-in cooler for rapid cooling at this time.

Measured container of cooked chicken on prep table adjacent to cookline at 50F. Employee stated meat was removed from walk-in cooler approximately 5 minutes prior to temperature taken to reheat some for steam table. Employee relocated chicken to walk-in cooler for rapid cooling at this time.

Ensure all potentially hazardous food is maintained at proper holding temperature.

**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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9. PROPER COOLING METHODS

⚠ CRITICAL ⚠

POINTS

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**Inspector Comments:** Measured large pot inside walk-in cooler containing seasoned oil with meat juice at 84F. Employee stated that oil is used to cook tortillas and was prepared yesterday. Discussed proper cooling methods with person in charge. Oil was voluntarily discarded at this time.

Measured two aluminum pans with cooked pork 47F-45F. Employee stated it was purchased and placed into cooler last night. Discussed proper cooling methods with employee at this time. Employee voluntarily discarded meat at this time.

Ensure food is properly cooling within 6 hours from 135F- 41F or below.

**Violation Description:** All potentially hazardous food shall be rapidly cooled from 135°F to 70°F within 2 hours, and then from 70°F to 41°F, within 4 hours. Cooling shall be by one or more of the following methods: in shallow containers; separating food into smaller portions; adding ice as an ingredient; using an ice bath, stirring frequently; using rapid cooling equipment; or, using containers that facilitate heat transfer. (114002, 114002.1)

13. FOOD: UNADULTERATED, NO SPOILAGE, NO CONTAMINATION

POINTS

2

**Inspector Comments:** Observed spoiled fries (molded and brown) stored inside cold top unit at cookline. Employee voluntarily discarded fries at this time. ENSure all food stored or offered for sale is maintained free from spoilage or contamination.

Observed spoiled green bell pepper with mold stored in walk-in cooler. Remove spoiled bell pepper.

**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)

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

POINTS

1

**Inspector Comments:** Observed unapproved fly swatter stored at mop sink. remove unapproved fly swatter.

Observed unapproved raid flying insect spray at front register. Remove unapproved at home use pest control method.

Use approved pest control service to treat facility.

**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

1

**Inspector Comments:** Observed the following:

- 1) Nonfunctional dish machine. Repair/ replace dish machine in an approved manner. Impound tag posted. Do not use until repaired and verified by a member of this Department.
- 2) Cold top unit at cookline holding food at 44F-50F. This unit is not approved for use until repaired and verified by a member of this Department. Impound tag posted.
- 3) Nonfunctional probe thermometer and ambient temperature thermometer inside cold top unit. Repair replace thermometers in an approved manner.
- 4) Missing light at hood canopy. Properly install light 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:** Observed the following:

- 1) An accumulation of food residue/ grease on cans of chipotle peppers in dry stored at cookline.
- 2) Food residue on face plate of cold top unit at cookline.
- 3) Food debris and residue in between plastic tables adjacent to cookline.
- 4) Grease accumulation on middle hood filters at hood canopy. properly clean filters to prevent possible fire hazard.

Properly clean and sanitize equipment in an approved manner.

**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)

37. EQUIPMENT, UTENSILS, LINENS: STORAGE AND USE

POINTS

1

**Inspector Comments:** Observed the following:

- 1) Spoiled dishes stored on sanitize drain board of 3-compartment sink. Discontinue storing soiled dishes on sanitize side of 3-compartment sink. Properly wash, rinse, and sanitize drain board prior to placing clean dishes on drain board.
- 2) Bowl used as scoop in bulk sugar container. Use an approved scoop with a handle.
- 3) Observed handles of large spoons stored touching rice in walk-in cooler. Properly store scoops in a manner to prevent handle from touching food surface.
- 4) Windex stored on clean equipment shelving. Discontinue storing chemicals where food or food contact surfaces are stored.

**Violation Description:** Utensils and equipment shall be handled and stored in an approved manner, protected from contamination. All clean and soiled linen shall be properly stored. (114067(h), 114074, 114081, 114083, 114119, 114121, 114143(a-b), 114161, 114172, 114178, 114179, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5)

40. WIPING CLOTHS: PROPERLY USED AND STORED

POINTS

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**Inspector Comments:** Observed wiping cloth stored in cookline hand sink. Properly store all wiping cloths in approved sanitizer solution when not in use.

**Violation Description:** Wiping cloths used to clean food spills shall be used only once, unless stored in an approved concentration of sanitizer solution and laundered daily. (114135, 114185.1, 114185.3(d-e))

42. REFUSE PROPERLY DISPOSED: FACILITIES MAINTAINED

POINTS

1

**Inspector Comments:** Observed an accumulation of trash and debris inside trash enclosure and lid not on dumpster. Person in charge stated facility gets trash picked-up once a week. If trash is not able to be properly removed increase trash pick-up to two times a week to prevent trash accumulation and vermin harborage. Maintain dumpsters covered when not in use.

**Violation Description:** All food waste and rubbish shall be kept in leakproof and rodent-proof containers. Containers shall be covered at all times. All waste must be removed and disposed of as frequently as necessary to prevent a nuisance. The exterior premises of each food facility shall be kept clean and free of litter and rubbish. (114244, 114245, 114245.1, 114245.2, 114245.3, 114245.4, 114245.5, 114245.6, 114245.7, 114257.1)

43. TOILET FACILITIES: PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED, SUPPLIED, CLEANED

POINTS

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**Inspector Comments:** Observed paper towels stored on top of dispenser in employee/customer restroom. Person in charge stated they are waiting on new vendor to deliver paper towels for that dispenser. Ensure all handwashing facilities are maintained fully stocked with soap and paper towels in approved dispenser at all times.

**Violation Description:** Toilet facilities shall be maintained clean, sanitary, and in good repair. Toilet rooms shall be separated by a well-fitting self-closing door. Toilet tissue shall be provided in a permanently installed dispenser at each toilet. Toilet facilities shall be provided for patrons in establishments with more than 20,000 sq. ft. and in establishments offering on-site consumption. (114250, 114250.1, 114276)



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49. FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATIONS AVAILABLE, CURRENT, COMPLETE

POINTS

1

**Inspector Comments:** Observed 1 expired Food Handler Certificate.

All employees who handle food, utensils, or food equipment shall have a valid Riverside County Food Handler Certificate.

**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)

54. VOLUNTARY CONDEMNATION

POINTS

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**Inspector Comments:** See violation #7 and #9

**Violation Description:** I, as the person in charge, hereby voluntarily agree to the condemnation and destruction of the food(s) listed in this report, said food(s) being alleged unfit for human consumption and in violation of California Health and Safety Code, Section 113980. I hereby release the County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health and authorized agents from any and all responsibility.

55. IMPOUND

POINTS

0

**Inspector Comments:** See violation #34

**Violation Description:** Use impounded equipment or food may result in legal action. Removal of the impound tag is an interference with the performance of an Enforcement Officer's duties and an unlawful act per California Health and Safety Code, Section 114393.

Overall Inspection Comments

This was a routine inspection in conjunction to a foodborne illness complaint and general food safety complaint CO0083938, CO0083937, CO0083936. At this time this facility had failed to meet the minimum health standards of the California Health and Safety Code (80 = B). A reinspection has been set for one week (8/9/22). Ensure all violations listed on this report are corrected by this date in order to be re-scored. "B" card posted, do not move, remove or block placards to avoid penalty. "A" card removed. "B" card must remain posted until removed by an employee of this Department. If you have any questions contact Brittany at (951) 358-5172. No signature captured due to pandemic, inspection report emailed to Lostacoslokosop@gmail.com

**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](http://www.rivcoeh.org).

Signature

Signature not captured due to  
COVID 19 pandemic.

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Person in Charge

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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

<b>135°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>145°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>145°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>145°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>155°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>155°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>165°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>165°F</b> for 15 seconds

Food temperature cannot be felt - use your probe thermometer!



## FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AREA OFFICE

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