



**County of Riverside**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**  
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**FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION FORM**

FACILITY NAME <b>La Cocina de Mama Margarita</b>			DATE 8/29/2019	TIME IN 3:00 PM	TIME OUT 4:30 PM
ADDRESS 74991 Velie Wy #4, Palm Desert, CA 92260			FACILITY DESCRIPTION Not Applicable		
PERMIT HOLDER Agusitn Torres			EMAIL papachulo3@yahoo.com		<b>Major Violations</b> 1
PERMIT # PR0005645	EXPIRATION DATE 07/31/2020	SERVICE Routine inspection	REINSPECTION DATE Next Routine	FACILITY PHONE # (760)346-6180	PE 3620
		DISTRICT 0031	INSPECTOR NAME Winston Ganly		<b>Points Deducted</b> 12

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.

B  
**SCORE 88**

**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

○ 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
Facility is using Quat ammonia at warewash sink. /						

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		18. Compliance with variance, specialized process, and HACCP plan				2
CONSUMER ADVISORY						
In		19. Written disclosure and reminder statements provided for raw or undercooked foods				1
SCHOOL AND HEALTHCARE PROHIBITED FOODS						
In		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 °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		
55. Impound		



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**1. FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION**

**POINTS**  
**0**

**Inspector Comments:** Augustin Torres- SS - 5-23-23

**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)

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

**⚠ CRITICAL ⚠**

**POINTS**  
**4**

**Inspector Comments:** Maintain temperatures for potentially hazardous foods. Observed entire walk in unit at 49-50 air/food temperatures. Containing meats, cheese, soups etc.. Also observed the only other refrigeration unit in facility at 49F (reach in unit) air/food in kitchen at 49F as noted on previous inspections. Note: kitchen was observed to be at least 90F air temperature. Suggested having air return checked or looking into approved methods of cooling kitchen down. Foods should be kept at 41F or below or hot held at 135F or above. Dairy products need to be kept at 45F or below. Relocate foods to alternate location. Discard any food out of temperature for more than 4 hours and relocate any other foods to alternate location and otherwise ensure all food is kept at required temperatures.

**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)

**21. HOT AND COLD WATER AVAILABLE**

**POINTS**  
**2**

**Inspector Comments:** Hot water not observed at 120F or greater. Hot water heater was turned up ATOI and is now 120F. Monitor hot water to ensure 120F.

**Violation Description:** An adequate, protected, pressurized, potable supply of hot water and cold water shall be provided at all times. Hot water of at least 120°F must be provided for facilities with unpackaged food or packaged potentially hazardous food. Handwashing facilities shall be equipped to provide warm water for at least 15 seconds. (113953(c), 114189, 114192 (a,d), 114192.1, 114195)

**23. NO RODENTS, INSECTS, BIRDS, OR ANIMALS**

**POINTS**  
**2**

**Inspector Comments:** Ensure facility remains free from pest. Observed many dead roaches in pest control trap behind oven.

**Violation Description:** Each food facility shall be kept free of vermin. Only approved animals, such as service animals or decorative fish in aquariums, are permitted inside a food facility. (114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5)

**34. UTENSILS AND EQUIPMENT APPROVED, GOOD REPAIR**

**POINTS**  
**1**

**Inspector Comments:** Ensure all equipment is in good condition and is of an approved material. Observed rust on shelving on shelves in walk in. Observed rust on bottom shelving of table in kitchen area.

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

**37. EQUIPMENT, UTENSILS, LINENS: STORAGE AND USE**

**POINTS**  
**1**

**Inspector Comments:** Secure CO2 tanks to prevent tip over hazard.

**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)

**45. FLOORS, WALLS, CEILING: GOOD REPAIR / FULLY ENCLOSED**

**POINTS**  
**1**

**Inspector Comments:** Maintain floors, walls, ceiling must be enclosed and in good condition. Observed walls with cracks by water heater. Also observed wall damage at front waitress area.

**Violation Description:** The floors, walls, ceilings finishes must be of an approved material, durable, smooth, nonabsorbent, and easily cleanable. Food facilities shall be fully enclosed. (114143 (d), 114257, 114266, 114268, 114271, 114272)



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**46. FLOORS, WALLS, AND CEILINGS: CLEAN**

POINTS

1

**Inspector Comments:** Maintain floors, walls, ceiling must be enclosed and in clean condition. Observed walls in need of cleaning.

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



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**Overall Inspection Comments**

At this time this facility has failed to meet standards for an A. (89) is "B" Facility now has a "B" grade posted. Future downgrades may result in office hearings, citations, reinspection fees, suspension hearings and/or other disciplinary action/s. A reinspection will be on 8/30/19 for corrections or sooner if called and all items above have been corrected.

Note: the walk in air temperature was working at end of inspection. All items from 3 door reach in must be moved. If the walk in unit goes down or is not working then close operation until refrigeration is reestablished and rechecked by our Department. Facility does have pest control with bug guys 760 565 1203 last service 7/30/19. Also technician for refrigeration has arrived onsite.

**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**

Augustin Torres  
Person in Charge  
08/29/2019

Winston Ganly  
Environmental Health Specialist  
08/29/2019

## 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."

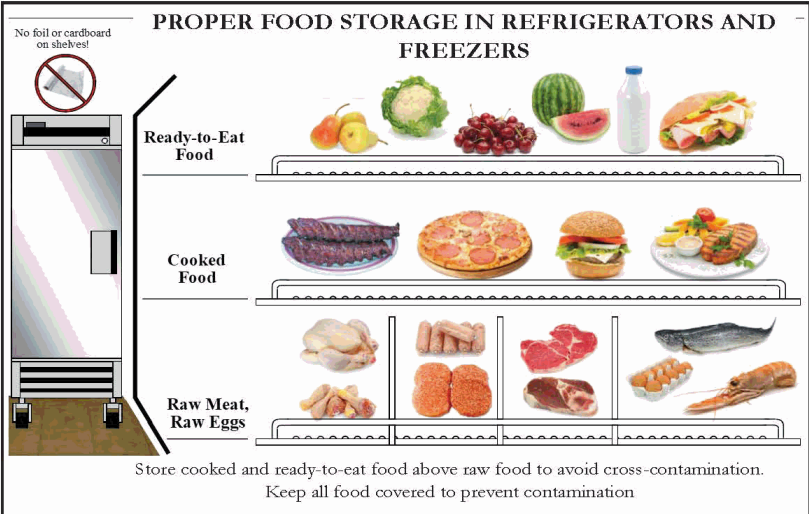
A food facility may be closed for any of the following reasons:

- 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."

### PROPER FOOD STORAGE IN REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS



No foil or cardboard on shelves!

Ready-to-Eat Food

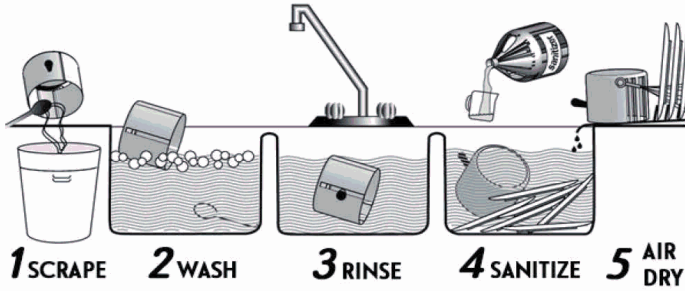
Cooked Food

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!



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MILK, EGGS, FISH, SHELLFISH, WHEAT, SOYBEANS, PEANUTS, TREE NUTS

**FOOD ALLERGENS**

**THE MAJOR**

## FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AREA OFFICE

<b>BLYTE</b> 260 N Broadway Blythe, CA 92225 Phone 760-921-5090 Fax 760-921-5085	<b>CORONA</b> 2275 S Main St #204 Corona, CA 92882 Phone 951-273-9140 Fax 951-520-8319	<b>HEMET</b> 800 S Sanderson Ave #200 Hemet, CA 92545 Phone 951-766-2824 Fax 951-766-7874	<b>INDIO</b> 47-950 Arabia St #A Indio, CA 92201 Phone 760-863-8287 Fax 760-863-8303	<b>MURRIETA</b> 30135 Technology Dr #250 Murrieta, CA 92563 Phone 951-461-0284 Fax 951-461-0245	<b>PALM SPRINGS</b> 554 S Paseo Dorotea Palm Springs, CA 92264 Phone 760-320-1048 Fax 760-320-1470	<b>RIVERSIDE</b> 4065 County Circle Dr #104 Riverside, CA 92503 Phone 951-358-5172 Fax 951-358-5017
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