

Food Establishment Inspection Report

Johnson County Public Health	No. Of Risk Factor/Intervention Violations			Date: 1/28/2025 Time In: 3:14 PM Time Out:4:10 PM	
855 S Dubuque ST STE 113 Iowa City, IA 52240-0083	No. Of Repeat Factor/Intervention Violations				
Establishment: EL PASO TIENDA MEXICAN	Address: 609 HOLLYWOOD BLVD	City/State: IOWA CITY, IA	Zip: 52240		Telephone: 3193383703
License/Permit#: 43511 - Food Service Establishment License, 44526 - Retail Food Establishment License	Permit Holder: ANTONIO & CARLOS PACHECO		Restaurants Level 2		Risk Category: Risk Level 2 (Low), Risk Level 3 (Medium)

FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

IN = In compliance OUT = Not in compliance N/O = Not observed N/A = Not applicable

(*) = Corrected on site during inspection (COS) R = Repeat violation

Supervision			15. Food separated and protected (Cross Contamination and		
Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and	IN	16.	,	(*), R IN	
Certified Food Protection Manager	IN	17.		IN	
Employee Health					
3. Management, food employee and conditional employee knowledge, responsibilities and reporting					
				N/O	
Proper use of exclusions and restrictions	IN	19.	Proper reheating procedures of hot holding	N/O	
Procedures for responding to vomiting and diarrheal events	IN	20.	Proper cooling time and temperatures	IN	
			Proper hot holding temperatures	IN	
	N/O	22.	Proper cold holding temperatures	IN	
		23.	Proper date marking and disposition	OUT, R	
		24.	Time as a public health control: procedures and records	N/A	
Hands clean and properly washed	IN		-	N/A	
No bare hand contact with ready to eat foods	IN			IN/A	
Hand washing sinks properly supplied and accessible	OUT, (*)				
Approved Source		26.	Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered	N/A	
Foods obtained from an approved source	IN		Food/Color Additives and Toxic Substances		
	N/O	27.	Food additives: approved, properly stored, and used	N/A	
	IN	28.	Toxic substances properly identified, stored and used	OUT, (*)	
Required records available; shellstock tags, parasite destruction	N/A		Conformance with Approved Procedures		
Protection from Contamination		29.	Compliance with variance, specialized process, reduced oxygen packaging criteria, and HACCP plan	N/A	
	Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs duties Certified Food Protection Manager Employee Health Management, food employee and conditional employee knowledge, responsibilities and reporting Proper use of exclusions and restrictions Procedures for responding to vomiting and diarrheal events Good Hygienic Practices Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco use No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth Control of Hands as a Vehicle of Contamination Hands clean and properly washed No bare hand contact with ready to eat foods Hand washing sinks properly supplied and accessible Approved Source Foods obtained from an approved source Foods received at proper temperatures Food in good condition, safe, and unadulterated Required records available; shellstock tags, parasite destruction	Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs duties IN Certified Food Protection Manager IN Employee Health IN Management, food employee and conditional employee knowledge, responsibilities and reporting OUT, R Proper use of exclusions and restrictions IN Procedures for responding to vomiting and diarrheal events IN Good Hygienic Practices IN Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco use N/O No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth IN Control of Hands as a Vehicle of Contamination IN Hands clean and properly washed IN No bare hand contact with ready to eat foods IN Hand washing sinks properly supplied and accessible OUT, (*) Approved Source IN Foods obtained from an approved source IN Foods received at proper temperatures N/O Food in good condition, safe, and unadulterated IN Required records available; shellstock tags, parasite destruction N/A	Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs dutiesIN16.Certified Food Protection ManagerIN17.Employee HealthIN17.Management, food employee and conditional employee knowledge, responsibilities and reportingOUT, R18.Proper use of exclusions and restrictionsIN19.Procedures for responding to vomiting and diarrheal eventsIN20.Good Hygienic Practices21.22.Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco useN/O23.No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouthIN24.Hands clean and properly washedIN24.No bare hand contact with ready to eat foodsIN25.Foods obtained from an approved sourceIN26.Foods obtained from an approved sourceIN27.Food in good condition, safe, and unadulteratedIN28.Required records available; shellstock tags, parasite destructionN/A	Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs duties IN Environmental) Certified Food Protection Manager IN 16. Food contact surfaces: cleaned and sanitized Certified Food Protection Manager IN 17. Proper disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned, and usafe food Employee Health OUT, R Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature Control for Safety Management, food employee and conditional employee knowledge, responsibilities and reporting OUT, R Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature Control for Safety Proper use of exclusions and restrictions IN 19. Proper cooling time and temperatures Good Hygienic Practices 21. Proper hot holding temperatures 22. Proper cold holding temperatures Vo 10. 23. Proper date marking and disposition 23. Proper date marking and disposition No bare hand contact with ready to eat foods IN 25. Consumer Advisory 26. Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered Foods obtained from an approved source IN 26. Pasteurized foods used; properly stored, and used 27. Food Additives: approved, properly stored, and used Food in good condition, safe, and unadulterated IN 27. Food Additives: approved, properly stored, and used R	

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

Good Retail Practices are preventative measures to control the addition of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods.						
Safe Food and Water		Proper Use of Utensils				
30. Pasteurized eggs used where required	IN	43. In use utensils: properly stored	IN			
31. Water and ice from approved source	IN	44. Utensils, equipment, and linens: properly stored dried and handled	OUT, (*)			
32. Variance obtained for specialized processing methods	N/A	45. Single-use/single service articles: properly stored and used	IN			
Food Temperature Control		46. Slash-resistant and cloth glove use	N/A			
33. Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for	IN	Utensils, Equipment, and Vending				
temperature control		47. Food and non-food contact surfaces are cleanable, properly designed,	IN			
34. Plant food properly cooked for hot holding	IN	constructed, and used				
35. Approved thawing methods	IN	48. Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, and used; test strips	OUT			
36. Thermometers provided and accurate	IN	49. Non-food contact surfaces clean	IN			
Food Identification		Physical Facilities				
37. Food properly labeled; original container	IN	50. Hot and Cold water available; adequate pressure	IN			
Prevention of Food Contamination		51. Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices	IN			
38. Insects, rodents, and animals not present/outer openings	OUT	52. Sewage and waste water properly disposed	IN			
protected		53. Toilet facilities; properly constructed, supplied, and cleaned	IN			
39. Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage and	IN	54. Garbage and refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained	IN			
display		55. Physical facilities installed, maintained, and clean	IN			
40. Personal cleanliness	IN	56. Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas used	IN			
41. Wiping cloths: properly used and stored	IN	57. Licensing; posting licenses and reports; smoking	IN			
42. Washing fruits and vegetables	IN					

Inspection reports shall be posted no higher than eye level where the public can see and in a manner that the public can reasonably read the report.

P - Priority PF- Priority Foundation C - Core

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ltem Number	Violation of Code	Priority Level	Comment	Correct By Date
3.	2-103.11(O)	PF	Observation: No verifiable health reporting agreements are available for audit at the time of inspection.	2/7/2025
10.	6-301.12	PF	Observation: The hand sink was missing hand-drying provisions. Corrected by: Employee refilled towels.	COS
15.	3-302.11(A)(1)	Ρ	Observation: Raw eggs are stored above ready-to-eat food in the lowboy cooler next to the freezer. Corrected by: The person in charge arranged storage so eggs are stored below ready-to-eat food.	COS
23.	3-501.17	PF	Observation: Several Open commercial containers lacked the open date marking. Several containers of prepared foods and sauces lacked date marking.	2/7/2025
28.	7-204.11	Ρ	Observation: The dish machine sanitizer tested too strong. Corrected by: the dish machine got serviced and the sanitizer tested within the parameters.	COS

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38.	6-501.111(A) (B)(D)	С	Observation: Dead and live cockroaches were witnessed by the dishwashing machine in the kitchen.	2/7/2025
44.	4-903.11(A)(B) (D)		Observation: Raw meat packages are stored in the freezer over glass cups of beer. Corrected by: The person in charge restored the meat and removed the beer glass cups to be washed, rinsed, and sanitized.	COS
48.	4-303.11		Observation: No sanitizer is available in the kitchen during active food preparation. The person in charge agreed to buy sanitizer and provide it at the correct concentration in the kitchen for use during food preparation.	2/27/2025

Inspection Published Comment:

This on-site visit is routine. A physical recheck will occur on or after 2/7/2025 to verify corrections have been made.

Long-Term Corrective Actions:

The following items are repeat Risk Factor Violations. The owner stated they will implement the following long-term corrective actions: #3. The person in charge agrees to ensure employees are reviewed and sign the employee health reporting agreement. #15. The person in charge agrees to ensure employees are retrained on storage of raw and ready to eat foods. #23. The person in charge agrees to retrain employees on the date marking and shelf life of prepared and opened foods on-site.

Follow-up will be completed on or after 2/7/2025 by Physical Recheck.

The following guidance documents have been issued:

Document Name	Description
3 Employee Health Reporting Agreement English	3 Employee Health Reporting Agreement English
DIA_10HandWashing SinksSuppliedAndAcc essible	10 Hand washing sinks properly supplied and accessible
DIA_15FoodSeparate dAndProtectedEnglis h	15 Food Separated and Protected English
DIA_23ProperDatema rkingAndDisposition	23 Proper Datemarking and Disposition
DIA_23TemperatureC ontrolForSafetyDefinit ion	23 Temperature Control For Safety Definition

DIA_28ToxicSubstan cesIdentifiedStoredAn dUsed	28 Toxic substances identified stored and used
DIA_3ReportTheseFB ISymptomsPosterW_ Spanish	3 Report these FBI Symptoms Poster w_Spanish
DIA_48TestStrips	48 Test Strips

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