



Food Establishment Inspection Report

Johnson County Public Health 855 S Dubuque ST STE 113 Iowa City, IA 52240-0083	No. Of Risk Factor/Intervention Violations 1	Date: 9/3/2025 Time In: 1:04 PM Time Out: 2:25 PM
Establishment: CRACKEN'S GRILL	Address: 2221 ROCHESTER AVE City/State: Iowa City, IA Zip: 52245 Telephone: 3192597411	
License/Permit#: 224126 - Food Service Establishment License	Permit Holder: BENJAMIN MCCracken Inspection Reason: Routine	Est. Type: Risk Category: Risk Level 4 (High)

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 1. Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs duties IN 2. Certified Food Protection Manager IN Employee Health 3. Management, food employee and conditional employee knowledge, responsibilities and reporting IN 4. Proper use of exclusions and restrictions IN 5. Procedures for responding to vomiting and diarrheal events IN Good Hygienic Practices 6. Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco use IN 7. No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth IN Control of Hands as a Vehicle of Contamination 8. Hands clean and properly washed IN 9. No bare hand contact with ready to eat foods IN 10. Hand washing sinks properly supplied and accessible IN Approved Source 11. Foods obtained from an approved source IN 12. Foods received at proper temperatures N/O 13. Food in good condition, safe, and unadulterated IN 14. Required records available; shellstock tags, parasite destruction N/A Protection from Contamination	15. Food separated and protected (Cross Contamination and Environmental) IN 16. Food contact surfaces: cleaned and sanitized IN 17. Proper disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned, and unsafe food IN Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature Control for Safety 18. Proper cooking time and temperatures IN 19. Proper reheating procedures of hot holding N/O 20. Proper cooling time and temperatures N/O 21. Proper hot holding temperatures IN 22. Proper cold holding temperatures OUT, (*), R 23. Proper date marking and disposition IN 24. Time as a public health control: procedures and records N/A Consumer Advisory 25. Consumer advisory provided for raw or undercooked foods N/A Highly Susceptible Populations 26. Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered N/A Food/Color Additives and Toxic Substances 27. Food additives: approved, properly stored, and used N/A 28. Toxic substances properly identified, stored and used IN Conformance with Approved Procedures 29. Compliance with variance, specialized process, reduced oxygen packaging criteria, and HACCP plan N/A
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Safe Food and Water 30. Pasteurized eggs used where required N/A 31. Water and ice from approved source IN 32. Variance obtained for specialized processing methods N/A Food Temperature Control 33. Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control IN 34. Plant food properly cooked for hot holding IN 35. Approved thawing methods IN 36. Thermometers provided and accurate IN Food Identification 37. Food properly labeled; original container OUT, (*) Prevention of Food Contamination 38. Insects, rodents, and animals not present/outer openings protected IN 39. Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage and display IN 40. Personal cleanliness IN 41. Wiping cloths: properly used and stored IN 42. Washing fruits and vegetables IN	Proper Use of Utensils 43. In use utensils: properly stored OUT 44. Utensils, equipment, and linens: properly stored dried and handled IN 45. Single-use/single service articles: properly stored and used IN 46. Slash-resistant and cloth glove use N/O Utensils, Equipment, and Vending 47. Food and non-food contact surfaces are cleanable, properly designed, constructed, and used IN 48. Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, and used; test strips OUT 49. Non-food contact surfaces clean IN Physical Facilities 50. Hot and Cold water available; adequate pressure IN 51. Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices IN 52. Sewage and waste water properly disposed IN 53. Toilet facilities; properly constructed, supplied, and cleaned IN 54. Garbage and refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained IN 55. Physical facilities installed, maintained, and clean IN 56. Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas used IN 57. Licensing; posting licenses and reports; smoking IN
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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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Item Number	Violation of Code	Priority Level	Comment	Correct By Date
22.	3-501.16(A)(2)	P	Observation: Sliced tomatoes (44.6 F) and Cheese (46 F) were not being held at proper temperatures at the lowboy cooler. Corrected by: The person in charge stated the containers were in the cooler for less than 2 hours. The person in charge returned the items to the main refrigeration unit for cooling.	COS

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Item Number	Violation of Code	Priority Level	Comment	Correct By Date
37.	3-302.12	C	Observation: Bins of toppings on the table across from the ice cream machine not labeled with common name.	COS
43.	3-304.12	C	Observation: The grill scraper was stored on a cardboard between uses.	9/13/2025
48.	4-302.14, 4-501.116	PF	Observation: Quaternary sanitizer test strips deteriorated. Need replacement for the test strips, manager will order.	9/13/2025

Inspection Published Comment:

This on-site visit is routine. The person in charge agreed to have all the violations corrected by the assigned date.

Long-Term Corrective Actions:

The following items are repeat risk factor violations. The person in charge stated they will implement the following long-term corrective actions:

#22. The person in charge agreed to train all kitchen staff on the proper cold holding of house-made food items.

The following guidance documents have been issued:

Document Name	Description
DIA_22ProperColdHoldingTemperatures	22 Proper Cold Holding Temperatures
DIA_48TestStrips	48 Test Strips


Ben McCracken
Person In Charge

Ahmed Mohammed
Inspector