



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	No. Of Repeat Factor/Intervention Violations 1	Date: 11/19/2025 Time In: 1:20 PM Time Out: 3:00 PM
Establishment: CACTUS MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA	Address: 245 S GILBERT ST	City/State: Iowa City, IA	Zip: 52240
License/Permit#: 87700 - Food Service Establishment License	Permit Holder: POZA RICA FOODS INC	Inspection Reason: Routine	Est. Type: Restaurants 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		15. Food separated and protected (Cross Contamination and Environmental)	IN
1. Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs duties	IN	16. Food contact surfaces: cleaned and sanitized	OUT, (*), R
2. Certified Food Protection Manager	IN	17. Proper disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned, and unsafe food	IN
Employee Health		Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature Control for Safety	
3. Management, food employee and conditional employee knowledge, responsibilities and reporting	IN	18. Proper cooking time and temperatures	N/O
4. Proper use of exclusions and restrictions	IN	19. Proper reheating procedures of hot holding	N/O
5. Procedures for responding to vomiting and diarrheal events	IN	20. Proper cooling time and temperatures	N/O
Good Hygienic Practices		21. Proper hot holding temperatures	IN
6. Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco use	IN	22. Proper cold holding temperatures	IN
7. No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth	IN	23. Proper date marking and disposition	IN
Control of Hands as a Vehicle of Contamination		24. Time as a public health control: procedures and records	N/A
8. Hands clean and properly washed	IN	Consumer Advisory	
9. No bare hand contact with ready to eat foods	IN	25. Consumer advisory provided for raw or undercooked foods	N/A
10. Hand washing sinks properly supplied and accessible	IN	Highly Susceptible Populations	
Approved Source		26. Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered	N/A
11. Foods obtained from an approved source	IN	Food/Color Additives and Toxic Substances	
12. Foods received at proper temperatures	N/O	27. Food additives: approved, properly stored, and used	N/A
13. Food in good condition, safe, and unadulterated	IN	28. Toxic substances properly identified, stored and used	IN
14. 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

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

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Safe Food and Water		Proper Use of Utensils	
30. Pasteurized eggs used where required	N/A	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	IN
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 temperature control	IN	Utensils, Equipment, and Vending	
34. Plant food properly cooked for hot holding	N/O	47. Food and non-food contact surfaces are cleanable, properly designed, constructed, and used	IN
35. Approved thawing methods	N/O	48. Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, and used; test strips	IN
36. Thermometers provided and accurate	OUT	49. Non-food contact surfaces clean	OUT, (*)
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 protected	IN	52. Sewage and waste water properly disposed	IN
39. Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage and display	OUT, (*)	53. Toilet facilities; properly constructed, supplied, and cleaned	IN
40. Personal cleanliness	IN	54. Garbage and refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained	IN
41. Wiping cloths: properly used and stored	IN	55. Physical facilities installed, maintained, and clean	IN
42. Washing fruits and vegetables	IN	56. Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas used	IN
		57. Licensing; posting licenses and reports; smoking	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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Item Number	Violation of Code	Priority Level	Comment	Correct By Date
16.	4-601.11(A)	PF	Observation: Tongs that are stored on a magnetic wall strip have food build up on them. Corrected by: Person in charge put the tongs through the dish machine for proper cleaning.	COS

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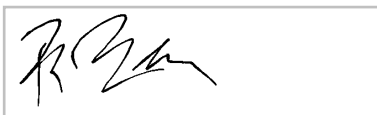
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36.	4-302.12(A)	PF	Observation: A food probe thermometer is not present.	11/29/2025
39.	3-305.11	C	Observation: Open pots of beans and rice are stored without lids in the walk in cooler. Walk in cooler has noteworthy dust build up on the cooler fan. Corrected by: Person in charge covered the pots and wiped the cooler fan down.	COS
49.	4-601.11(B)(C), 4-602.13	C	Observation: Inside of the microwave has visible food debris build up.	COS

Inspection Published Comment:
This is a Routine inspection.

The following guidance documents have been issued:

Document Name	Description
DIA_16FoodContactSurfacesCleanedAndSanitized	16 Food Contact Surfaces Cleaned and Sanitized
DIA_36ThermometersProvidedAndAccurate	36 Thermometers Provided and Accurate



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