



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 0	Date: 11/24/2025 Time In: 2:33 PM Time Out: 3:12 PM
Establishment: EL SENOR CACTUS	Address: 1534 S GILBERT ST	City/State: Iowa City, IA
License/Permit#: 123916 - Food Service Establishment License	Permit Holder: RESTAURANTE MEXICANO EL SENOR CACTUS INC	Inspection Reason: Physical Recheck
Zip: 52240		Telephone: 3193512179
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			
1. Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs duties	N/O	15. Food separated and protected (Cross Contamination and Environmental)	IN
2. Certified Food Protection Manager	N/O	16. Food contact surfaces: cleaned and sanitized	IN
Employee Health		17. Proper disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned, and unsafe food	N/O
3. Management, food employee and conditional employee knowledge, responsibilities and reporting	N/O	Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature Control for Safety	
4. Proper use of exclusions and restrictions	N/O	18. Proper cooking time and temperatures	IN
5. Procedures for responding to vomiting and diarrheal events	N/O	19. Proper reheating procedures of hot holding	N/O
Good Hygienic Practices		20. Proper cooling time and temperatures	N/O
6. Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco use	N/O	21. Proper hot holding temperatures	N/O
7. No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth	N/O	22. Proper cold holding temperatures	N/O
Control of Hands as a Vehicle of Contamination		23. Proper date marking and disposition	IN
8. Hands clean and properly washed	N/O	24. Time as a public health control: procedures and records	N/O
9. No bare hand contact with ready to eat foods	N/O	Consumer Advisory	
10. Hand washing sinks properly supplied and accessible	IN	25. Consumer advisory provided for raw or undercooked foods	N/O
Approved Source		Highly Susceptible Populations	
11. Foods obtained from an approved source	N/O	26. Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered	N/O
12. Foods received at proper temperatures	N/O	Food/Color Additives and Toxic Substances	
13. Food in good condition, safe, and unadulterated	N/O	27. Food additives: approved, properly stored, and used	N/O
14. Required records available; shellstock tags, parasite destruction	N/O	28. Toxic substances properly identified, stored and used	N/O
Protection from Contamination		Conformance with Approved Procedures	
		29. Compliance with variance, specialized process, reduced oxygen packaging criteria, and HACCP plan	N/O

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	N/O	43. In use utensils: properly stored	N/O
31. Water and ice from approved source	N/O	44. Utensils, equipment, and linens: properly stored dried and handled	N/O
32. Variance obtained for specialized processing methods	N/O	45. Single-use/single service articles: properly stored and used	N/O
Food Temperature Control		46. Slash-resistant and cloth glove use	N/O
33. Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control	N/O	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	IN	48. Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, and used; test strips	IN
36. Thermometers provided and accurate	N/O	49. Non-food contact surfaces clean	N/O
Food Identification		Physical Facilities	
37. Food properly labeled; original container	N/O	50. Hot and Cold water available; adequate pressure	N/O
Prevention of Food Contamination		51. Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices	N/O
38. Insects, rodents, and animals not present/outer openings protected	N/O	52. Sewage and waste water properly disposed	N/O
39. Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage and display	IN	53. Toilet facilities; properly constructed, supplied, and cleaned	N/O
40. Personal cleanliness	N/O	54. Garbage and refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained	N/O
41. Wiping cloths: properly used and stored	N/O	55. Physical facilities installed, maintained, and clean	N/O
42. Washing fruits and vegetables	N/O	56. Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas used	N/O
		57. Licensing; posting licenses and reports; smoking	N/O

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

FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

Item Number	Violation of Code	Priority Level	Comment	Correct By Date
-------------	-------------------	----------------	---------	-----------------

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

Good Retail Practices are preventative measures to control the addition of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods.

Item Number	Violation of Code	Priority Level	Comment	Correct By Date
-------------	-------------------	----------------	---------	-----------------

Inspection Published Comment:

A physical Recheck inspection was conducted. No further action is needed.

Corrections observed during this inspection included:

Item #10 All kitchen hand-washing sinks of the facility are accessible and supplied with soap and paper towels.

Item #15 Food was stored properly in the correct order.

Item #16: The blade of the tabletop can opener was observed to be clean.

Item #18 The establishment cooking the chicken to above 165°F.

Item #23 All the containers of prepared foods and sauces have the date marking of the preparation date.

Item #23 All the containers of prepared foods and sauces are within the 7-day limit for house-made foods.

Item #35 The establishment is using the proper thawing methods of food items for preparation, including in a walk-in cooler or under cold running water.

Item #35 Thawing vacuum-sealed fish packages were broken to allow air to be exchanged.

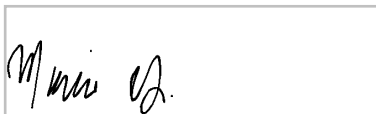
Item #39 All the food containers are stored 6" or more above the ground.

Item #39: All the food containers have a lid to protect them from environmental contamination.

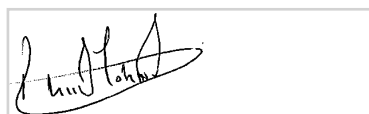
Item #47: The interior surfaces of the kitchen's two microwaves and the two-door cooler were clean.

Item #48 Sanitizer and sanitizer test strips were available in the kitchen during the inspection.

The following guidance documents have been issued:



Maria Garcia
Person In Charge



Ahmed Mohammed
Inspector