



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 4	Date: 11/24/2025 Time In: 10:50 AM Time Out: 11:22 AM
	No. Of Repeat Factor/Intervention Violations 0	
Establishment: LA CASA AZUL	Address: 708 1ST AVE	City/State: CORALVILLE, IA Zip: 52241 Telephone: 3193382641
License/Permit#: 44896 - Food Service Establishment License	Permit Holder: XALAPA, INC	Inspection Reason: Physical Recheck 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)	OUT, (*)
2. Certified Food Protection Manager	OUT	16. Food contact surfaces: cleaned and sanitized	N/O
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	N/O
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	OUT, (*)
6. Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco use	N/O	21. Proper hot holding temperatures	OUT, (*)
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	N/O
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	N/O	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	IN
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

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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	N/O
35. Approved thawing methods	N/O	48. Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, and used; test strips	N/O
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	N/O	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

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Item Number	Violation of Code	Priority Level	Comment	Correct By Date
2.	2-102.12(A)	C	Observation: All employees designated as the person in charge are not certified food protection managers.	12/3/2025
15.	3-302.11(A)(1)	P	Observation: Raw pork stored above ready to eat limes within walk in cooler. Corrected by: Employee moved raw pork to bottom shelf to prevent contamination.	COS
20.	3-501.14(A)	P	Observation: Cooked rice made over 24 hours prior held within walk in cooler had a internal temperature of 48 degrees. Cooked rice did not cool to below 41 degrees within the maximum 6 hours allowed. Corrected by: Employee voluntary discarded cooked rice.	COS
21.	3-501.16(A)(1)	P	Observation: Queso within hot holding unit had an internal temperature of 80 degrees. According to employees queso has been in hot holding for 30 mins. Corrected by: Person in charge brought queso to stove top and reheated to internal temperature of 135 degrees.	COS

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Inspection Published Comment:

This onsite visit is a recheck in reference to a warning letter sent on 11/14/2025. A second physical recheck will be conducted on or around 12/3/2025 to verify corrections have been made.

The following items have been corrected:

#28: Sanitizer within multiuse spray bottles are labeled with common name.

#28: Chlorine sanitizer solutions tested at the correct ppm.

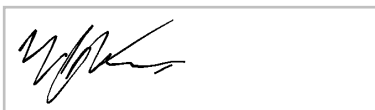
#28: No raid present within establishment

Inspector provided guidance documents on proper cooling methods, proper cooling time and temperature and proper storage of raw foods.

Follow-up will be completed on or after 12/3/2025 by Physical Recheck.

The following guidance documents have been issued:

Document Name	Description
DIA_15FoodSeparatedAndProtectedEnglish	15 Food Separated and Protected English
DIA_20ProperCoolingTimeAndTemperature	20 Proper Cooling Time and Temperature
DIA_21ProperHotHoldingTemperatures	21 Proper Hot Holding Temperatures
DIA_2CertifiedFoodProtectionManager	2 Certified Food Protection Manager



Mario Flores
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Inspector