

Food Establishment Inspection Report

Score: 98.5

Establishment Name: LA RANCHERITA

Establishment ID: 4092012051

Location Address: 102 N SALEM ST

City: APEX State: North Carolina

Zip: 27502-1428 County: 92 Wake

Permittee: LA RANCHERITA OF APEX, INC

Telephone: (919) 303-2448

Inspection Re-Inspection Educational Visit

Wastewater System:

Municipal/Community On-Site System

Water Supply:

Municipal/Community On-Site Supply

Date: 02/09/2026 Status Code: A

Time In: 1:30 PM Time Out: 3:15 PM

Category#: IV

FDA Establishment Type: Full-Service Restaurant

No. of Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 0

No. of Repeat Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 0

Foodborne Illness Risk Factors and Public Health Interventions

Risk factors: Contributing factors that increase the chance of developing foodborne illness.

Public Health Interventions: Control measures to prevent foodborne illness or injury

Compliance Status		OUT	CDI	R	VR
Supervision .2652					
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A				
PIC Present, demonstrates knowledge, & performs duties		1	0		
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A				
Certified Food Protection Manager		1	0		
Employee Health .2652					
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Management, food & conditional employee; knowledge, responsibilities & reporting		2	1	0	
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Proper use of reporting, restriction & exclusion		3	1.5	0	
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Procedures for responding to vomiting & diarrheal events		1	0.5	0	
Good Hygienic Practices .2652, .2653					
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Proper eating, tasting, drinking or tobacco use		1	0.5	0	
7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth		1	0.5	0	
Preventing Contamination by Hands .2652, .2653, .2655, .2656					
8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Hands clean & properly washed		4	2	0	
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O				
No bare hand contact with RTE foods or pre-approved alternate procedure properly followed		4	2	0	
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A				
Handwashing sinks supplied & accessible		2	1	0	
Approved Source .2653, .2655					
11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Food obtained from approved source		2	1	0	
12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Food received at proper temperature		2	1	0	
13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Food in good condition, safe & unadulterated		2	1	0	
14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Required records available: shellstock tags, parasite destruction		2	1	0	
Protection from Contamination .2653, .2654					
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O				
Food separated & protected		3	1.5	0	
16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Food-contact surfaces: cleaned & sanitized		3	1.5	0	
17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Proper disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned & unsafe food		2	1	0	
Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature .2653					
18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O				
Proper cooking time & temperatures		3	1.5	0	
19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A/N/O				
Proper reheating procedures for hot holding		3	1.5	0	
20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT/N/A/N/O				
Proper cooling time & temperatures		3	1.5	0	
21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O				
Proper hot holding temperatures		3	1.5	0	
22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O				
Proper cold holding temperatures		3	1.5	0	
23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O				
Proper date marking & disposition		3	1.5	0	
24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Time as a Public Health Control; procedures & records		3	1.5	0	
Consumer Advisory .2653					
25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Consumer advisory provided for raw/undercooked foods		1	0.5	0	
Highly Susceptible Populations .2653					
26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered		3	1.5	0	
Chemical .2653, .2657					
27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Food additives: approved & properly used		1	0.5	0	
28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A				
Toxic substances properly identified stored & used		2	1	0	
Conformance with Approved Procedures .2653, .2654, .2658					
29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Compliance with variance, specialized process, reduced oxygen packaging criteria or HACCP plan		2	1	0	

Good Retail Practices

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

Compliance Status		OUT	CDI	R	VR
Safe Food and Water .2653, .2655, .2658					
30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Pasteurized eggs used where required		1	0.5	0	
31	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Water and ice from approved source		2	1	0	
32	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Variance obtained for specialized processing methods		2	1	0	
Food Temperature Control .2653, .2654					
33	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control		1	0.5	0	
34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O				
Plant food properly cooked for hot holding		1	0.5	0	
35	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A/N/O				
Approved thawing methods used		1	0.5	0	
36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Thermometers provided & accurate		1	0.5	0	
Food Identification .2653					
37	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Food properly labeled: original container		2	1	0	
Prevention of Food Contamination .2652, .2653, .2654, .2656, .2657					
38	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Insects & rodents not present; no unauthorized animals		2	1	0	
39	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage & display		2	1	0	
40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Personal cleanliness		1	0.5	0	
41	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Wiping cloths: properly used & stored		1	0.5	0	
42	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A				
Washing fruits & vegetables		1	0.5	0	
Proper Use of Utensils .2653, .2654					
43	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
In-use utensils: properly stored		1	0.5	0	
44	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Utensils, equipment & linens: properly stored, dried & handled		1	0.5	0	
45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Single-use & single-service articles: properly stored & used		1	0.5	0	
46	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Gloves used properly		1	0.5	0	
Utensils and Equipment .2653, .2654, .2663					
47	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Equipment, food & non-food contact surfaces approved, cleanable, properly designed, constructed & used		1	0.5	0	
48	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained & used; test strips		1	0.5	0	
49	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Non-food contact surfaces clean		1	0.5	0	
Physical Facilities .2654, .2655, .2656					
50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A				
Hot & cold water available; adequate pressure		1	0.5	0	
51	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices		2	1	0	
52	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Sewage & wastewater properly disposed		2	1	0	
53	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT/N/A				
Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied & cleaned		1	0.5	0	
54	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		1	0.5	0	
55	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN/OUT				
Physical facilities installed, maintained & clean		X	0.5	0	
56	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Meets ventilation & lighting requirements; designated areas used		1	0.5	0	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS:					1.5



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 Comment Addendum Attached? Category #: IV
 Email 1:
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Temperature Observations

Item/Location	Temp	Item/Location	Temp	Item/Location	Temp
grilled shrimp/final cook	164				
grilled chicken breast/final cook	182				
grilled steak/final cook	173				
diced tomatoes/prep unit	40				
shredded lettuce/prep unit	41				
la crema/prep unit	40				
shredded chicken/steam table	159				
ground beef/steam table	163				
mexican rice/steam table	174				
black beans/steam table	166				
queso/kettle	156				
salsa/hot box	158				
rice/hot box	162				

Person in Charge (Print & Sign): *First* German

Last Ponce



Regulatory Authority (Print & Sign): *First* Carla

Last Pressley



REHS ID: 2800 - Pressley, Carla

Verification Dates: Priority:

Priority Foundation:

Core:

REHS Contact Phone Number: (984) 239-0850

Authorize final report to be received via Email:




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Observations and Corrective Actions

Violations cited in this report must be corrected within the time frames below, or as stated in sections 8-405.11 of the food code.

49 4-602.13 Nonfood Contact Surfaces (C)

Detail clean exteriors and underneath equipment. Non food contact surfaces of equipment shall be cleaned frequently to preclude accumulation of soil residues. PIC advised.

55 6-501.11 Repairing - Premises, Structures, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods (C) 6-501.12 Cleaning, Frequency and Restrictions (C)

The following areas are damaged and shall be repaired: severely receding tile grout and peeling/worn paint exposing wall construction materials and baseboard wood. Physical facilities shall be maintained in good repair.***REPEAT VIOLATION***