

Food Establishment Inspection Report

Score: 98

Establishment Name: MEZCALITO OF APEX

Establishment ID: 4092019079

Location Address: 3675 GREEN LEVEL WEST RD

City: APEX State: North Carolina

Zip: 27523 County: 92 Wake

Permittee: MEZCALITO APEX, INC

Telephone: (919) 446-6050

Inspection Re-Inspection Educational Visit

Wastewater System:

Municipal/Community On-Site System

Water Supply:

Municipal/Community On-Site Supply

Date: 11/21/2024 Status Code: A

Time In: 1:40 PM Time Out: 2:55 PM

Category#: IV

FDA Establishment Type: Full-Service Restaurant

No. of Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 1

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 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	PIC Present, demonstrates knowledge, & performs duties	1	0	
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O	Required records available: shellstock tags, parasite destruction	2	1	0
Protection from Contamination .2653, .2654					
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O	Proper cooking time & temperatures	3	1.5	0
19	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding	3	1.5	0
20	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O	Proper cooling time & temperatures	3	1.5	0
21	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O	Proper hot holding temperatures	3	0	X
22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O	Proper cold holding temperatures	3	1.5	0
23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O	Proper date marking & disposition	3	1.5	0
24	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> N/O	Time as a Public Health Control; procedures & records	3	1.5	0
Consumer Advisory .2653					
25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Consumer advisory provided for raw/undercooked foods	1	0.5	0
Highly Susceptible Populations .2653					
26	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered	3	1.5	0
Chemical .2653, .2657					
27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Food additives: approved & properly used	1	0.5	0
28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Toxic substances properly identified stored & used	2	1	0
Conformance with Approved Procedures .2653, .2654, .2658					
29	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Variance obtained for specialized processing methods	2	1	0
Food Temperature Control .2653, .2654					
33	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control	1	0.5	X
34	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/O	Plant food properly cooked for hot holding	1	0.5	0
35	<input type="checkbox"/> IN <input type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: proper 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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Washing fruits & vegetables	1	0.5	X
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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Single-use & single-service articles: properly stored & used	1	0.5	X
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 type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Non-food contact surfaces clean	1	0.5	X
Physical Facilities .2654, .2655, .2656					
50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> OUT	Physical facilities installed, maintained & clean	1	0.5	0
56	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT	Meets ventilation & lighting requirements; designated areas used	1	0.5	0
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS:					2



Comment Addendum to Inspection Report

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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.

- 21 3-501.16(A)(1); Priority; Pork and rice holding less than 135 F. Refer to temperature chart above for temperatures and locations. Hot TCS (Time/Temperature Control for Safety) foods shall maintain 135 F or above. CDI - Pork reheated to 165 F+. Rice voluntarily discarded.
- 33 3-501.15; Priority Foundation; Recently prepared horchata cooling in a prep cooler in the expo area. Cooling shall be accomplished by using rapid cooling equipment such as the walk-in cooler/freezer. CDI - Horchata moved to cool rapidly in the walk-in cooler.
- 42 3-302.15; Core; Stickers present on washed avocados in a prep cooler. Stickers shall be removed from fruits/vegetables prior to washing so that they do not become a source of contamination once the fruit/vegetable is cut, added to other ingredients, cooked or consumed in its ready to eat form. Remove stickers before washing fruits and vegetables. Stickers removed.
- 45 4-903.11(A) and (C); Core; Single-use aluminum to-go containers stored with the food-contact surface exposed in the dry storage area and on the cook line. Store inverted until use to prevent contamination.
- 49 4-601.11(B) and (C); Core; Walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer gaskets soiled with accumulation. Surfaces of equipment shall be kept free of soil accumulation.