

Food Establishment Inspection Report

Score: 97

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: 05/20/2025 Status Code: A

Time In: 11:15 AM Time Out: 12:45 PM

Category#: IV

FDA Establishment Type: Full-Service Restaurant

No. of Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 2

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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A				
Handwashing sinks supplied & accessible		2	X	0	X
Approved Source .2653, .2655					
11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Food obtained from approved source		2	1	0	
12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O				
Required records available: shellstock tags, parasite destruction		2	1	0	
Protection from Contamination .2653, .2654					
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O				
Food separated & protected		3	1.5	0	
16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T				
Food-contact surfaces: cleaned & sanitized		3	1.5	X	X
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O				
Proper cooking time & temperatures		3	1.5	0	
19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O				
Proper reheating procedures for hot holding		3	1.5	0	
20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O				
Proper cooling time & temperatures		3	1.5	0	
21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O				
Proper hot holding temperatures		3	1.5	0	
22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O				
Proper cold holding temperatures		3	1.5	0	
23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O				
Proper date marking & disposition		3	1.5	0	
24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A/N/O				
Time as a Public Health Control; procedures & records		3	1.5	0	
Consumer Advisory .2653					
25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Consumer advisory provided for raw/undercooked foods		1	0.5	0	
Highly Susceptible Populations .2653					
26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" 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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Food additives: approved & properly used		1	0.5	0	
28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Toxic substances properly identified stored & used		2	1	0	
Conformance with Approved Procedures .2653, .2654, .2658					
29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control		1	0.5	0	
34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T				
Plant food properly cooked for hot holding		1	0.5	0	
35	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T				
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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T				
Food properly labeled: original container		2	1	X	X
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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T				
Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage & display		2	X	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T				
Equipment, food & non-food contact surfaces approved, cleanable, properly designed, constructed & used		1	X	0	
48	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained & used; test strips		1	0.5	0	
49	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T				
Non-food contact surfaces clean		1	X	0	X
Physical Facilities .2654, .2655, .2656					
50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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:					3



Comment Addendum to Food Establishment Inspection Report

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Temperature Observations

Item/Location	Temp	Item/Location	Temp	Item/Location	Temp
Shrimp/Final cook	158				
Chicken /Final cook	172				
Pico/Cut lettuce /Fliptop	39 - 41				
Sausage/Queso /Fliptop	40 - 41				
Queso/Calamari /Reach-in	40 - 41				
Salsa /Expo cooler	39				
Salsa /Salsa fliptop	38 - 40				
Chicken tenders /Reach-in	40				
Pork/Rice /Hot box	153 - 156				
Chicken/Pork /Hot hold, makeline	160 - 170				
Rice /Hot hold, makeline	170				
Broth /Hot hold, makeline	165 - 170				
Chicken/Shrimp/Beef /Grill cooler drawers	38 - 39				
Chicken/Pork /Walk-in	40 - 41				
Salsa /Walk-in	40				

First
 Person in Charge (Print & Sign): Jonathan
First
 Regulatory Authority (Print & Sign): Matthew

Last
 Chevalier
Last
 Saliba





REHS ID: 3079 - Saliba, Matthew
 REHS Contact Phone Number: (919) 500-6269

Verification Dates: Priority:

Priority Foundation: Core:

Authorize final report to be received via Email:





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.

- 10 6-301.11; Priority Foundation; No soap was available at the expo area handwashing sink upon arrival. Provide soap for handwashing at each handsink. CDI- soap replaced.
- 16 4-601.11(A); Priority Foundation; The counter-mounted can opener blade was observed soiled. Equipment food-contact surfaces and utensils shall be clean to sight and touch. CDI- can opener removed and cleaned in dish machine. All other food-contact surfaces observed clean. No points taken today.
- 37 3-302.12; Core; A bin of sugar did not have a label. Label all working containers of food (oils, spices, salts, flour, sugar) except food that is easy to identify such as dry pasta. Label added. No point taken
- 39 3-305.11; Core; Boxes of beef in the walk-in freezer were covered in ice accumulation from a drip coming from the fan compartment above. Store food in a clean, dry location, not exposed to splash, dust or other contamination. Keep at least 6 inches above the floor. Boxes were moved away from this drip and a plastic bucket is catching the drips. Repair freezer to remain dry and do not store food under this drip.
- 47 4-501.11 (C); Core; The can opener blade is dull and small metal fragments were observed around the blade from previous use. The cutting parts of can openers shall remain sharp enough to preclude the formation of metal fragments when used. These fragments can contaminate food. Replace this blade.
- 49 4-601.11(B) and (C); Core; Fan covers in walk-in cooler have dust/debris accumulation. Food debris observed under grill top on counter. The nonfood-contact surfaces of equipment shall be kept free of dust, dirt, food residue and other debris accumulation. Increase cleaning frequency. All other surfaces observed clean. Full point not taken.