

# Food Establishment Inspection Report

Score: 96

Establishment Name: KAARA

Establishment ID: 4092019831

Location Address: 2700 STOKESDALE AVE, SUITE 120

City: APEX State: North Carolina

Zip: 27523 County: 92 Wake

Permittee: VAARAAHI SERVICES, LLC

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection  Re-Inspection  Educational Visit

Wastewater System:

Municipal/Community  On-Site System

Water Supply:

Municipal/Community  On-Site Supply

Date: 10/28/2025 Status Code: A

Time In: 10:45 AM Time Out: 12:33 PM

Category#: IV

FDA Establishment Type: Full-Service Restaurant

No. of Risk Factor/Intervention Violations: 3

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
<b>Supervision</b> .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		
<b>Employee Health</b> .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	
<b>Good Hygienic Practices</b> .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	
<b>Preventing Contamination by Hands</b> .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
<b>Approved Source</b> .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"/> T/N/A/N/O				
Required records available: shellstock tags, parasite destruction		2	1	0	
<b>Protection from Contamination</b> .2653, .2654					
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A/N/O				
Food separated & protected		3	X	0	X
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	
<b>Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature</b> .2653					
18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/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"/> T/N/A/N/O				
Proper reheating procedures for hot holding		3	1.5	0	
20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A/N/O				
Proper cooling time & temperatures		3	X	0	X
21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A/N/O				
Proper hot holding temperatures		3	1.5	0	
22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A/N/O				
Proper cold holding temperatures		3	1.5	0	
23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/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"/> T/N/A/N/O				
Time as a Public Health Control; procedures & records		3	1.5	0	
<b>Consumer Advisory</b> .2653					
25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A				
Consumer advisory provided for raw/undercooked foods		1	0.5	0	
<b>Highly Susceptible Populations</b> .2653					
26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A				
Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered		3	1.5	0	
<b>Chemical</b> .2653, .2657					
27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A				
Food additives: approved & properly used		1	0.5	0	
28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A				
Toxic substances properly identified stored & used		2	1	0	
<b>Conformance with Approved Procedures</b> .2653, .2654, .2658					
29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/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
<b>Safe Food and Water</b> .2653, .2655, .2658					
30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/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"/> T/N/A				
Variance obtained for specialized processing methods		2	1	0	
<b>Food Temperature Control</b> .2653, .2654					
33	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T				
Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control		1	0.5	X	X
34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A				
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"/> T/N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A				
Approved thawing methods used		1	0.5	0	
36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Thermometers provided & accurate		1	0.5	0	
<b>Food Identification</b> .2653					
37	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Food properly labeled: original container		2	1	0	
<b>Prevention of Food Contamination</b> .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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/N/A				
Washing fruits & vegetables		1	0.5	0	
<b>Proper Use of Utensils</b> .2653, .2654					
43	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T				
In-use utensils: properly stored		1	0.5	X	
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	
<b>Utensils and Equipment</b> .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"/> OUT				
Non-food contact surfaces clean		1	0.5	0	
<b>Physical Facilities</b> .2654, .2655, .2656					
50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T/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"/> T/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	
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS:</b>					<b>4</b>





## 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 5-205.11 (B); Priority Foundation; A knife and a plate were stored in the basin of the handwashing sink next to warewashing area. A handwashing sink may not be used for purposes other than handwashing. CDI - items removed from sink and sent to warewashing area for washing.
- 15 3-302.11 (A) (1) (2); Priority; Raw chicken stored above ready-to-eat foods and other meats in walk-in freezer and cooler. Separate types of raw animal foods from each other such as beef, fish, lamb, pork, and poultry during storage, preparation, holding, and display. Separate raw animal foods from ready-to-eat foods and washed/unwashed fruits and vegetables to prevent cross contamination. CDI- storage education provided and meats were relocated.
- 20 3-501.14(A); Priority; Rice cooling in the reach-in unit from last night measured 58 - 60F. Quickly cool TCS foods within 2 hours from 135F to 70F; and within a total of 6 hours from 135F to 41F. CDI- rice voluntarily discarded.
- 33 3-501.15; Priority Foundation; Rice in large metal containers with plastic wrap and lids did not cool properly from last night due to ineffective cooling methods Quickly cool foods using methods such as open/vented shallow pans, large ice baths or ice wands and active stirring. Cold air must flow around product to remove the heat. CDI- cooling education provided. Rice voluntarily discarded. No point taken today.
- 43 3-304.12 (B); Core; Plastic bowls were being used as scoops in various spices. In-use utensils for food that is not TCS must be stored with their handles above the top of the food within containers or equipment that can be closed. Use appropriate dispensing utensils and store accordingly. CDI- bowls removed.  
3-304.12 (F); Core; Utensils were stored in a container of water at 64F near the grill. Containers of water used for storing in-use utensils must be maintained at a temperature of at least 135F and cleaned at least every 24 hours or when container has accumulated soil or residue. CDI- water drained.