

# Food Establishment Inspection Report

Score: 96.5

Establishment Name: PACO'S TACOS (WCID #703)

Establishment ID: 4092030416

Location Address: 5490 APEX PEAKWAY

City: APEX State: North Carolina

Zip: 27502 County: 92 Wake

Permittee: PACO'S TACOS NC, INC.

Telephone: (919) 633-5880

Inspection  Re-Inspection  Educational Visit

**Wastewater System:**

Municipal/Community  On-Site System

**Water Supply:**

Municipal/Community  On-Site Supply

Date: 10/01/2024 Status Code: A

Time In: 2:35 PM Time Out: 3:45 PM

Category#: III

FDA Establishment Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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
<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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Hands clean & properly washed		4	X	0	X
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	
<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"/> 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"/> 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	
<b>Potentially Hazardous Food Time/Temperature</b> .2653					
18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN <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/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 <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	
<b>Consumer Advisory</b> .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	
<b>Highly Susceptible Populations</b> .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	
<b>Chemical</b> .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/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"/> 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"/> 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	
<b>Food Temperature Control</b> .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"/> N/O				
Plant food properly cooked for hot holding		1	0.5	0	
35	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" 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	
<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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Insects & rodents not present; no unauthorized animals		2	X	0	X
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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT				
Wiping cloths: properly used & stored		1	0.5	X	
42	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Washing fruits & vegetables		1	0.5	0	
<b>Proper Use of Utensils</b> .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	
<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"/> IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
Hot & cold water available; adequate pressure		1	0.5	0	X
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"/> IN <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	
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS:</b>					<b>3.5</b>



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 Comment Addendum Attached?  Category #: III  
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 Email 2:  
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## Temperature Observations

Item/Location	Temp	Item/Location	Temp	Item/Location	Temp
air temp/prep ref left	39				
cooked chorizo/prep ref left	40				
air temp/prep ref right	38				
cut leafy greens/prep ref right	39				
water temp/hand sink	117				
quat sani/wiping cloth bucket	300				
beans/hh steamtable	139				
water /in use utensils	141				

*First*

Person in Charge (Print & Sign): Valeria

*Last*

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*Valeria Gutierrez*

*First*

Regulatory Authority (Print & Sign): Angela

*Last*

Sowers

*Angela Sowers*

REHS ID: 2703 - Sowers, Angela

Verification Dates: Priority:

Priority Foundation:

Core:

REHS Contact Phone Number: (919) 268-9178

Authorize final report to be received via Email:

*Valeria G*



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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.

- 8 Observation: Staff member using hand sanitizer after eating and before engaging in tasks in the kitchen. CDI; Staff member was educated on requirements for when to wash hands. Staff member washed hands.  
2-301.14 When to Wash (P)  
Wash hands before engaging in food preparation including working with exposed food, clean equipment and utensils, and unwrapped single service and single use articles. -P
- 38 Observation: The rear screen door is torn and is being left standing open during operation; CDI; Operator closed door during inspection. Discussed alternatives for repair of door or screening for doorway to allow air flow. FOOD ESTABLISHMENT shall be protected against the entry of insects and rodents by: (1) Filling or closing holes and other gaps along floors, walls, and ceilings; (2) Closed, tight-fitting windows; and (3) Solid, self-closing, tight-fitting doors.; Observation: The presence of flies are throughout mobile truck due to leaving door open. Ensure front and rear door are kept closed and eliminate the presence of flies during operation.  
6-501.111; The PREMISES shall be maintained free of insects, rodents, and other pests.  
6-202.15 Protect outer openings of establishment from insect or rodent entry.
- 41 Observation: Wiping clothes in use for wiping surfaces are not placed in a sanitizer between use. Ensure that wiping clothes are stored in a sanitizer between use.  
3-304.14 Wiping Cloths, Use Limitations (C)  
Hold in-use wiping cloths in properly concentrated sanitizer between uses.
- 50 Observation: When turning on hand sink, hot nor cold water was supplied. CDI: Operator turned on hot water heater and both hot and cold water was available. Hot water at 100F is required to be supplied at hand sink; water cannot be cut off to hand sink during operation. 5-103.11 Capacity - Quantity and Availability (Pf) Water is not available to sink in sufficient quantity when hot water generator is cut off. Ensure tht hot water heater is turned on during operation so that hot water is supplied to hand sink and water is available to wash hands.

### Additional Comments

Ensure that in use utensils stored in hot water on the steamtable has sufficient level of water to cover the food contact surface of the utensil.

Discontinue practice of cutting off hot water; ensure all staff are washing hands when required.

Operating Address: 548 E Williams St, Apex, NC (Shop strip mall parking lot)