



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORT

SCORE
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Establishment Name: El Meson
Address: 248 Northgate Mall Rd.
City: Chattanooga
Inspection Date: 04/18/2022
Time in: 02:15 PM
Time out: 03:15 PM
Risk Category: 03
Number of Seats: 175

Risk Factors are food preparation practices and employee behaviors most commonly reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as contributing factors in foodborne illness outbreaks. Public Health interventions are control measures to prevent illness or injury.

FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS
(Mark designated compliance status (IN, OUT, NA, NO) for each numbered item. For items marked OUT, mark COS or R for each item as applicable. Deduct points for category or subcategory.)

Table with 2 main columns: Supervision, Employee Health, Good Hygienic Practices, Preventing Contamination by Hands, Approved Source, Protection from Contamination, Cooking and Reheating of Time/Temperature Control For Safety (TCS) Foods, Cooling and Holding, Date Marking, and Time as a Public Health Control, Consumer Advisory, Highly Susceptible Populations, Chemicals, Conformance with Approved Procedures.

Good Retail Practices are preventive measures to control the introduction of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods.

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

Table with 2 main columns: Safe Food and Water, Food Temperature Control, Food Identification, Prevention of Food Contamination, Proper Use of Utensils, Utensils and Equipment, Physical Facilities, Administrative Items, Compliance Status, Non-Smokers Protection Act.

Failure to correct any violations of risk factor items within ten (10) days may result in suspension of your food service establishment permit. Repeated violation of an identical risk factor may result in revocation of your food service establishment permit.

Signature of Person In Charge: [Signature] Date: 04/18/2022
Signature of Environmental Health Specialist: [Signature] Date: 04/18/2022

Additional food safety information can be found on our website, http://tn.gov/health/article/eh-foodservice

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NSPA Survey – To be completed if #57 is "No"	
Age-restricted venue does not affirmatively restrict access to its buildings or facilities at all times to persons who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older.	
Age-restricted venue does not require each person attempting to gain entry to submit acceptable form of identification.	
"No Smoking" signs or the International "Non-Smoking" symbol are not conspicuously posted at every entrance.	
Garage type doors in non-enclosed areas are not completely open.	
Tents or awnings with removable sides or vents in non-enclosed areas are not completely removed or open.	
Smoke from non-enclosed areas is infiltrating into areas where smoking is prohibited.	
Smoking observed where smoking is prohibited by the Act.	

Warewashing Info			
Machine Name	Sanitizer Type	PPM	Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Sani bucket	Quat	300	
Dish machine	Chlorine	100	

Equipment Temperature	
Description	Temperature (Fahrenheit)

Food Temperature		
Description	State of Food	Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Cut toms	Cold Holding	38
Cut lettuce	Cold Holding	39
Raw shrimp	Cold Holding	40
Chx	Hot Holding	166
Soup	Hot Holding	166
Queso	Hot Holding	145
Rice	Hot Holding	155
Ground beef	Cold Holding	39
Corn	Cooling	55
Cut toms	Cold Holding	39
Refried beans	Hot Holding	160

Observed Violations

Total # 8

Repeated # 0

- 34: Thermometer missing from low boy.
- 36: Fruit flies around mop sink.
- 37: Shelf with food stored on it on the floor. Should be 6 inches off floor.
- 41: Knife stored between two pieces of equipment.
- 45: Gaskets in poor repair on low boy.
- 47: Water build up in bottom of cooler.
- 53: Floor tiles in poor repair.
- 54: Employee drink above prep area. Unshielded light in hood.



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Comments/Other Observations

- 2: (IN): An employee health policy is available.
- 3: (IN) There are no food workers observed working with specific reportable symptoms or illnesses.
- 4: (IN) Employee isn't drinking, eating, or using tobacco in a food preparation area.
- 5: (IN) No employees exhibiting persistent coughing, sneezing, runny nose, or watery eyes.
- 6: Observed good hand washing from all employees
- 7: (IN) Employees are observed using suitable utensils or gloves to prevent bare hand (or arm) contact with ready-to-eat foods.
- 8: (IN): All handsinks are properly equipped and conveniently located for food employee use.
- 9: Approved
- 10: (NO): No food received during inspection.
- 11: (IN) All food was in good, sound condition at time of inspection.
- 12: (NA) Shell stock not used and parasite destruction not required at this establishment.
- 13: (IN) All raw animal food is separated and protected as required.
- 14: (IN) All food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils cleaned and sanitized using approved methods.
- 15: (IN) No unsafe, returned or previously served food served.
- 16: (NO) No raw animal foods cooked during inspection.
- 17: (NO) No TCS foods reheated during inspection. Discussed proper reheating.
- 18: Cooling corn in appropriate time.
- 19: See food temps
- 20: See food temps
- 21: (IN) Verified date marking system in place for all ready-to-eat TCS foods that are held longer than 24 hours.
- 22: (NA) No food held under time as a public health control.
- 24: (NA) A highly susceptible population is not served.
- 25: (NA) Establishment does not use any additives or sulfites on the premises.
- 26: (IN) All poisonous or toxic items are properly identified, stored, and used.
- 27: (NA) Establishment is not required to have a variance or HACCP plan, performs no special processes.
- 57:
- 58:

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Additional Comments

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Sources

Source Type: Food Source: Us foods, pfs

Source Type: Water Source: HUD

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