



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORT

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Establishment Name El Meson Type of Establishment ☒ Farmer's Market Food Unit ☐ Permanent ☐ Mobile
 Address 248 Northgate Mall Rd. ☐ Temporary ☐ Seasonal
 City Chattanooga Time in 12:30 PM AM / PM Time out 01:15 PM AM / PM
 Inspection Date 10/11/2021 Establishment # 605211305 Embargoed 0
 Purpose of Inspection ☒ Routine ☐ Follow-up ☐ Complaint ☐ Preliminary ☐ Consultation/Other
 Risk Category ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 Follow-up Required ☒ Yes ☐ No 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.)

IN=In compliance OUT=not in compliance NA=not applicable NO=not observed COS=corrected on-site during inspection R=repeat (violation of the same code provision)					Compliance Status		
IN	OUT	NA	NO		COS	R	WT
Supervision							
1	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs duties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
Employee Health							
2	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Management and food employee awareness, reporting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
3	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Proper use of restriction and exclusion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Good Hygienic Practices							
4	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
5	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Preventing Contamination by Hands							
6	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Hands clean and properly washed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
7	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	No bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods or approved alternate procedures followed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
8	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Handwashing sinks properly supplied and accessible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
Approved Source							
9	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Food obtained from approved source	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
10	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Food received at proper temperature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
11	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Food in good condition, safe, and unadulterated	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
12	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Required records available: shell stock tags, parasite destruction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Protection from Contamination							
13	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Food separated and protected	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	4
14	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Food-contact surfaces: cleaned and sanitized	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
15	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Proper disposition of unsafe food, returned food not re-served	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2

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Cooking and Reheating of Time/Temperature Control For Safety (TCS) Foods							
16	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Proper cooking time and temperatures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
17	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Cooling and Holding, Date Marking, and Time as a Public Health Control							
18	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Proper cooling time and temperature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
19	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Proper hot holding temperatures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
20	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Proper cold holding temperatures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
21	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Proper date marking and disposition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
22	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Time as a public health control: procedures and records	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Consumer Advisory							
23	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Consumer advisory provided for raw and undercooked food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	4
Highly Susceptible Populations							
24	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
Chemicals							
25	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Food additives: approved and properly used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5
26	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Conformance with Approved Procedures							
27	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Compliance with variance, specialized process, and HACCP plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5

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

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

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OUT					COS	R	WT
Safe Food and Water							
28	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Pasteurized eggs used where required	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
29	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Water and ice from approved source	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
30	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Variance obtained for specialized processing methods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
Food Temperature Control							
31	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
32	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Plant food properly cooked for hot holding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
33	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Approved thawing methods used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
34	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Thermometers provided and accurate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
Food Identification							
35	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Food properly labeled; original container; required records available	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
Prevention of Food Contamination							
36	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Insects, rodents, and animals not present	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
37	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage & display	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
38	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Personal cleanliness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
39	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Wiping cloths: properly used and stored	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
40	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Washing fruits and vegetables	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
Proper Use of Utensils							
41	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			In-use utensils; properly stored	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
42	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Utensils, equipment and linens; properly stored, dried, handled	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
43	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Single-use/single-service articles; properly stored, used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
44	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Gloves used properly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1

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Utensils and Equipment							
45	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Food and nonfood-contact surfaces cleanable, properly designed, constructed, and used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
46	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Warewashing facilities; installed, maintained, used, test strips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
47	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Nonfood-contact surfaces clean	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
Physical Facilities							
48	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Hot and cold water available; adequate pressure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
49	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
50	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Sewage and waste water properly disposed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2
51	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
52	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Garbage/refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
53	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Physical facilities installed, maintained, and clean	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
54	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1
Administrative Items							
55	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Current permit posted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0
56	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Most recent inspection posted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Compliance Status							
					YES	NO	WT
Non-Smokers Protection Act							
57	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Compliance with TN Non-Smoker Protection Act	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0
58	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Tobacco products offered for sale	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
59	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			If tobacco products are sold, NSPA survey completed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

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. Items identified as constituting imminent health hazards shall be corrected immediately or operations shall cease. You are required to post the food service establishment permit in a conspicuous manner and post the most recent inspection report in a conspicuous manner. You have the right to request a hearing regarding this report by filing a written request with the Commissioner within ten (10) days of the date of this report. T.C.A. sections 68-14-703, 68-14-706, 68-14-709, 68-14-711, 68-14-715, 68-14-716, 4-5-329.

Signature of Person In Charge [Signature] Date 10/11/2021 Signature of Environmental Health Specialist [Signature] Date 10/11/2021

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

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FOOD INSPECTION DATA**



Establishment Information

Establishment Name: El Meson
Establishment Number #: 605211305

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)
Dish machine	Heat		163
Sani bucket	Quat	300	

Equipment Temperature

Description	Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Walkin	44

Food Temperature

Description	State of Food	Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Beans	Hot Holding	155
Rice	Hot Holding	172
Beef	Hot Holding	147
Chx	Hot Holding	154
Cut toms	Cold Holding	38
Raw chx	Cold Holding	45
Pico Wi	Cold Holding	44
Beef wi	Cold Holding	46
Carnitas	Cold Holding	38
Beans	Hot Holding	144
Queso	Hot Holding	137

Observed Violations

Total # 7

Repeated # 0

20: Walkin cooler holding 43-47F.
42: Equipment stored dirty
45: Gaskets in poor repair.
47: Build up on shelves.
53: Kitchen walls and floors in poor repair.
53: Build up on ceiling tiles.
54: Unshielded light in walkin freezer.

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Comments/Other Observations

- 1: (IN): PIC demonstrates knowledge by correctly answering questions regarding principles applicable to the food operation.
- 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: Hands washed
- 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: Discussed reheating of foods with PIC.
- 18: (N.O.) No cooling of TCS foods during inspection.
- 19: See recorded food temperatures
- 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.
- 23: (NA) Establishment does not serve animal food that is raw or undercooked.
- 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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Comments/Other Observations (cont'd)**Additional Comments (cont'd)**

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Sources

Source Type:	Water	Source:	HUD
Source Type:	Food	Source:	us foods
Source Type:		Source:	
Source Type:		Source:	
Source Type:		Source:	

Additional Comments