



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORT

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Establishment Name El Agave Mexican Grill and Cuisine Type of Establishment ☒ Farmer's Market Food Unit ☐ Permanent ☐ Mobile
Address 531 Signal Mountain Rd Suite 165 ☐ Temporary ☐ Seasonal
City Chattanooga Time in 11:20 AM AM / PM Time out 12:20 PM AM / PM
Inspection Date 11/03/2023 Establishment # 605306345 Embargoed 15
Purpose of Inspection ☒ Routine ☐ Follow-up ☐ Complaint ☐ Preliminary ☐ Consultation/Other
Risk Category ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 Follow-up Required ☒ Yes ☐ No Number of Seats 51

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

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| | IN | OUT | NA | NO | Cooking and Reheating of Time/Temperature Control For Safety (TCS) Foods | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proper cooking time and temperatures | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proper reheating procedures for hot holding | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | IN | OUT | NA | NO | Cooling and Holding, Date Marking, and Time as a Public Health Control | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proper cooling time and temperature | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proper hot holding temperatures | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Proper cold holding temperatures | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proper date marking and disposition | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Time as a public health control: procedures and records | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | IN | OUT | NA | NO | Consumer Advisory | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Consumer advisory provided for raw and undercooked food | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | IN | OUT | NA | NO | Highly Susceptible Populations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | IN | OUT | NA | NO | Chemicals | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Food additives: approved and properly used | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | IN | OUT | NA | NO | Conformance with Approved Procedures | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Compliance with variance, specialized process, and HACCP plan | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 | Safe Food and Water | | | | | | | OUT | Utensils and Equipment | | | | | |
| 28 | <input type="radio"/> | Pasteurized eggs used where required | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 45 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Food and nonfood-contact surfaces cleanable, properly designed, constructed, and used | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 |
| 29 | <input type="radio"/> | Water and ice from approved source | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 2 | 46 | <input type="radio"/> | Warewashing facilities, installed, maintained, used, test strips | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 |
| 30 | <input type="radio"/> | Variance obtained for specialized processing methods | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 47 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Nonfood-contact surfaces clean | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 |
| | OUT | Food Temperature Control | | | | | | | OUT | Physical Facilities | | | | | |
| 31 | <input type="radio"/> | Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 2 | 48 | <input type="radio"/> | Hot and cold water available; adequate pressure | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 2 |
| 32 | <input type="radio"/> | Plant food properly cooked for hot holding | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 49 | <input type="radio"/> | Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 2 |
| 33 | <input type="radio"/> | Approved thawing methods used | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 50 | <input type="radio"/> | Sewage and waste water properly disposed | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 2 |
| 34 | <input type="radio"/> | Thermometers provided and accurate | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 51 | <input type="radio"/> | Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 |
| | OUT | Food Identification | | | | | | 52 | <input type="radio"/> | Garbage/refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 |
| 35 | <input type="radio"/> | Food properly labeled; original container; required records available | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 53 | <input type="radio"/> | Physical facilities installed, maintained, and clean | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 |
| | OUT | Prevention of Food Contamination | | | | | | 54 | <input type="radio"/> | Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas used | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 |
| 36 | <input type="radio"/> | Insects, rodents, and animals not present | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 2 | | OUT | Administrative Items | | | | | |
| 37 | <input type="radio"/> | Contamination prevented during food preparation, storage & display | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 55 | <input type="radio"/> | Current permit posted | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 0 |
| 38 | <input type="radio"/> | Personal cleanliness | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 56 | <input type="radio"/> | Most recent inspection posted | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 0 |
| 39 | <input type="radio"/> | Wiping cloths: properly used and stored | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | Compliance Status | | | | | YES | NO | WT |
| 40 | <input type="radio"/> | Washing fruits and vegetables | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | Non-Smokers Protection Act | | | | | | | |
| | OUT | Proper Use of Utensils | | | | | | 57 | | Compliance with TN Non-Smoker Protection Act | | | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 0 |
| 41 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | In-use utensils; properly stored | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 58 | | Tobacco products offered for sale | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 0 |
| 42 | <input type="radio"/> | Utensils, equipment and linens; properly stored, dried, handled | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | 59 | | If tobacco products are sold, NSPA survey completed | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 0 |
| 43 | <input type="radio"/> | Single-use/single-service articles; properly stored, used | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | <input type="radio"/> | Gloves used properly | | | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | 1 | | | | | | | | |

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, 68-14-708, 68-14-709, 68-14-711, 68-14-715, 68-14-716, 4-5-329.

Signature of Person In Charge CR Date 11/03/2023 Signature of Environmental Health Specialist [Signature] Date 11/03/2023

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

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Establishment Information

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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) |
|--------------|----------------|-----|---------------------------|
| Dishmachine | Chlorine | 100 | |

Equipment Temperature

| Description | Temperature (Fahrenheit) |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| Hot box | 155 |
| Walk in | 41 |

Food Temperature

| Description | State of Food | Temperature (Fahrenheit) |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Rice-steam table | Hot Holding | 136 |
| Beans-steam table | Hot Holding | 137 |
| Chicken-steam table | Hot Holding | 166 |
| Diced tomatoes-prep top | Cold Holding | 37 |
| Beans-prep top | Cold Holding | 41 |
| Sliced tomatoes-cold drawer | Cold Holding | 36 |
| Raw chicken-cold drawers | Cold Holding | 39 |
| Shrimp | Cooking | 176 |
| Queso | Hot Holding | 138 |
| Pico de gallo-2 dr tall | Cold Holding | 39 |
| Rice-hot box | Hot Holding | 149 |
| Beans-hot box | Hot Holding | 75 |
| Beans-walk in | Cold Holding | 50 |
| Raw chicken-walk in | Cold Holding | 41 |
| Milk-2 dr merch | Cold Holding | 41 |

Observed Violations

Total # 6

Repeated # 0

17: Refried beans in hot box at 74F today. Additional items in hot box are 135F or above and ambient temperature is 155F. Person in charge stated the beans were likely not reheated properly before placing in unit. Rapidly reheat foods to 165F for hot holding at 135F. Beans were reheated on stove top during inspection.

18: Three pans of refried beans in walk in date marked 11/1 are holding at 49-50F with an ambient temperature in walk in at 41F. Discussed cooling methods with person in charge. He stated ice baths are used and is knowledgeable about cooling requirements. Recommend using thermometer to verify cooling temperatures.

Beans were discarded as a precaution.

41: Discontinue storing ice scoop on top of machine that is not sanitized regularly. Store scoop in/on a surface that is easily cleanable.

45: Wood cutting board on prep unit is cracked in middle and is no longer easily cleanable. Replace so as to provide a cleanable surface for food prep.

45: Discontinue using cardboard to line shelves in walk in unit. Shelves must be easily cleanable.

47: Clean black accumulation from gaskets on three door refrigeration unit.

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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) Employees are aware of the symptoms on the illness policy.
- 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: Did not observe requirement for handwashing during inspection.
- 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: (IN) Food obtained from approved source
- 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: Shrimp properly cooked to 176F during inspection.
- 19: (IN) Hot holding temperatures are held at 135F or above
- 20: (IN) Cold holding temperatures are held at 41F or below
- 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: On menu
- 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)*****See last page for additional comments.***

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Sources

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| Source Type: | Water |
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Source: Water is from approved source

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