

FoodWise



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Graded Food Facility Inspection Reports Now Available Online

We are excited to announce that all graded food facility official inspection reports (OIRs) are now being posted on our website. For several years, our website has included the food facility's grade (A, B or C), numerical score, a description of violation categories and points deducted, and inspection history by year. Now, you can also view the OIR in its entirety (as a PDF file) for any inspection that has been conducted on or after September 24, 2012.



We invite you to check out this new feature! Visit our website at www.sbcounty.gov/dehs and click on the "Restaurant Grades" button on the right-hand side of the page.

If you are a food facility operator, you will now receive an automated email with the link to the graded OIR online. You will also receive a link to a survey which allows you to give the Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) feedback on the inspection process. We encourage all operators to give us feedback on the services we provide.

Unannounced, Unscheduled Inspections

Recently several food facility operators gave DEHS feedback via a survey (mentioned above) that they wanted us to schedule the graded inspection. As a friendly reminder, all routine graded food facility inspections are unannounced and unscheduled. Our inspectors do not schedule routine graded inspections. If you choose to request a re-score inspection, it will also be unannounced and unscheduled, but will occur within 10 business days of submitting the request form.

New Pinterest Page Launched for DEHS

DEHS recently launched a Pinterest page! We are always looking for ways to increase our communication and health education outreach to the community and operators, and social media is an important tool in reaching San Bernardino County residents, visitors, and operators. Our new site is <http://pinterest.com/sbehs>. We will be "pinning" to boards on food safety and foodborne illness prevention, as well as mosquito and vector control, pool safety and drowning prevention, and more!



Holiday Food Safety

The holidays are fast approaching! Many people think of food when they think of the holidays – delicious cookies and cakes, eggnog, or that special family recipe for holiday glazed ham. The last thing you want during the holiday season is for your family to develop a foodborne illness. Be sure to practice these easy [holiday food safety tips](#) to avoid getting sick. For more information about how to keep your family safe, visit <http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/events/holidays/index.html>.



Norovirus on Cruise Ships

Many families go on cruises during the holidays. Did you know that Norovirus is associated with cruise ships? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) believes that Norovirus is associated with cruise ships because close quarters increase the amount and frequency of contact with other people. Cruise ships may have



4,000 people or more on board, so exposure to other potentially infected people is high. Norovirus spreads rapidly in crowded spaces. As new, infected passengers arrive on board, they can spread the virus to other passengers and crew members. Health officials track illness on cruise ships, and therefore outbreaks are identified and reported more quickly on a cruise ship than on land. For more information, please visit the CDC's page [Facts about Noroviruses on Cruise Ships](#). For helpful tips about how to avoid becoming infected with Norovirus, visit the CDC's page [Preventing Norovirus Infection](#).

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amanda Gaspard, Health Education Specialist, at 800-442-2283 or Amanda.Gaspard@dph.sbcounty.gov.

***We appreciate the effort you make to
protect the public's health in our County.***