

Food Establishment Inspection Report

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Local Health Department and Address Woodford County Health Department 1831 S. Main Street Eureka, IL 61530		Number of Risk Factor/ Intervention Violations	1	Date	7/2/2025
		Number of Repeat Risk Factor/ Intervention Violations	0	Time In	10:50 AM
				Time Out	12:30 PM
Establishment	AJ's Lounge of Benson		Phone (309) 394-2413	Email	
Address	322-324 Front Street		City/State	Benson, IL	
			ZIP Code	61516	
License/Permit #	25 102	Permit Holder	AJ's Lounge of Benson Inc		Purpose of Inspection
					Routine
					Risk Category I

FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

Circle designated compliance status (IN, OUT, N/O, N/A) for each numbered item				Mark "X" in the appropriate box for COS and/or R				
IN: in compliance OUT: not in compliance N/O: not observed N/A: not applicable				COS: corrected on-site during inspection R: repeat violation				
Risk factors are important practices or procedures identified as the most prevalent contributing factors of foodborne illness or injury.								
Public health interventions are control measures to prevent foodborne illness or injury.								
#	Compliance Status		COS	R	#	Compliance Status	COS	R
Supervision					Protection from Contamination			
1	IN	Person in charge present, demonstrates knowledge, and performs duties.			15	IN	Food is separated and protected.	
2	IN	Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM).			16	IN	Food-contact surfaces; cleaned and sanitized.	
Employee Health					17	IN	Proper disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned, and unsafe food.	
3	IN	Management, food employee, and conditional employee; knowledge, responsibilities, and reporting.			Time/Temperature Control for Safety			
4	IN	Proper use of restriction and exclusion.			18	IN	Proper cooking time and temperatures.	
5	IN	Procedures for responding to vomiting and diarrheal events.			19	N/O	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding.	
Good Hygienic Practices					20	IN	Proper cooling time and temperature.	
6	IN	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco product use.			21	OUT	Proper hot holding temperatures.	X
7	IN	No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth.			22	IN	Proper cold holding temperatures.	
Preventing Contamination by Hands					23	IN	Proper date marking and disposition.	
8	IN	Hands clean and properly washed.			24	N/A	Time as a Public Health Control; procedures and records.	
9	IN	No bare-hand contact with RTE food or a pre-approved alternative procedure properly allowed.			Consumer Advisory			
10	IN	Adequate handwashing sinks are properly supplied and accessible.			25	N/A	Consumer advisory is provided for raw/undercooked food.	
Approved Source					Highly Susceptible Populations			
11	IN	Food obtained from an approved source.			26	N/A	Pasteurized foods are used; prohibited foods are not offered.	
12	N/O	Food received at the proper temperature.			Food/Color Additives and Toxic Substances			
13	IN	Food in good condition, safe, and unadulterated.			27	N/A	Food additives: approved and properly used.	
14	N/A	Required records available: molluscan shellfish identification, and parasite destruction.			28	IN	Toxic substances are properly identified, stored and used.	
					Conformance with Approved Procedures			
					29	N/A	Compliance with variance/specialized process/HACCP.	

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

Good Retail Practices are preventative measures to control the addition of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods.									
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Safe Food and Water					Proper Use of Utensils (continued)				
30		Pasteurized eggs are used where required.			44		Utensils, equipment, and linens: properly stored, dried, and handled.		
31		Water and ice from an approved source.			45		Single use/single service articles are properly stored and used.		
32		Variance obtained for specialized processing methods.			46		Gloves used properly.		
Food Temperature Control					Utensils, Equipment, and Vending				
33		Proper cooling methods are used; adequate equipment for temperature control.			47		Food and non-food contact surfaces cleanable, properly designed, constructed, and used.		
34		Plant food properly cooked for hot holding.			48		Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, and used; test strips.		
35		Approved thawing methods used.			49		Non-food contact surfaces are clean.		
36		Thermometers are provided and accurate.			Physical Facilities				
Food Identification					50		Hot and cold water available; adequate pressure.		
37		Food properly labeled; original container.			51		Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices.		
Prevention of Food Contamination					52		Sewage and wastewater properly disposed.		
38		Insects, rodents, and animals not present.			53	X	Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, and cleaned.		
39		Contamination is prevented during food preparation, storage, and display.			54		Garbage and refuse are properly disposed; facilities are maintained.		
40		Personal cleanliness.			55	X	Physical facilities installed, maintained, and cleaned.		
41		Wiping cloths: properly used and stored.			56		Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas used.		
42		Washing fruits, vegetables, and other plant food.			Food Handler and Allergen Awareness				
Proper Use of Utensils					57		Food handler training 410 ILCS 625/ 3.06.		
43		In-use utensils: properly stored.			58		Allergen awareness training for CFPM 410 ILCS 625/3.07 (rest. only).		
					59		Allergen awareness notice 410 ILCS 625/3.08 (rest. only).		

Person in Charge (Signature) *Antonia J. Lee*

Date: 7/2/2025

Inspector (Signature) *Paul Wilkins*



Follow-up: ☐ YES ☒ NO (Check one) Follow-up Date: _____

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Water Supply: ☒ Public ☐ Private

Waste Water System: ☐ Public ☒ Private

Sanitizer Type: Chlorine/Quaternary ammonium

PPM: 50/200

Heat: N/A

TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS

Item/Location	Temp	Item/Location	Temp	Item/Location	Temp
Cheesy cauliflower soup/stove	170	Open foil precooked potato/WIC	39	Cheese sticks/RIC	41
BBQ/stove	170	Sausage gravy-cooling/WIC	56		
Lasagna soup/stove	168	Milk/WIC	39		
Pulled pork/crock pot	140	Beans-cooling/WIC	57		
Beer cheese/crock pot	128	Chili-cooling/WIC	81		
Hamburger/flattop	175	Sliced cheese/WIC	41		
		Ham/WIC	39		
		BBQ/WIC	40		

NOTES

Please correct any core (C) violations noted below ASAP but at least by next routine inspection

Facility is still classified as a Category I food establishment

The person-in-charge shall have CFPM certification and be on the premises during all hours of operation

Food handler certification is required for all food employees without CFPM certification. "Food employee" means an individual working with unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or food-contact surfaces.

Food handler certification is required within 30 days from the hire date of food employees.

CFPM Verification (name, expiration date, ID#): Tena Lee

Tena Lee
20787384 - ServSafe
Exp. 7/2026

Donna J. Gerdes
20787381 - ServSafe
Exp. 7/2026

Josh Brown
1d44ci-jjgjc2a - State Food Safety
Exp. 3/2029

HACCP Topic: TCS food date marking/temperature/cooling down requirements, no bare hand contact with ready-to-eat food, employee health

Illinois Requirements: ☐ Use of **non-latex** gloves for food handling and preparation **410 ILCS 180/10.**

☐ Appropriate **default beverage** for children's meal **410 ILCS 620/21.5.**

OBSERVATIONS AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Item Number	Violations cited in this report must be corrected within the time frames below.
21	3-501.16 (P) Observed in kitchen internal temperature of beer cheese in crock pot measured 128° F using a food temperature measuring device with metal-stem. Using metal-stem thermometer provided at establishment, internal temperature of beer cheese measured 130° F. Time/Temperature Control for Safety Food shall be maintained at 135°F or above. Reviewed TCS food hot-holding requirements and discussed HACCP concept with food employee and person-in-charge during inspection. Beer cheese in crock pot less than 60 minutes according to food employee. Beer cheese rapidly reheated by food employee during inspection. Recheck = 165° F - OK.

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