

Look for the Letter Grade

BEFORE GRABBING YOUR NEXT BITE, LOOK FOR THE LETTER.

Letter grades show that a food business has a valid Public Health Permit and follows food safety rules to prevent foodborne illnesses. It also shows the health inspection results so you can make safer choices when eating out.



Food businesses are inspected for:

- Safe food handling practices
- Proper cooking, cooling, and reheating practices
- Cleanliness of the facility
- Food Handler Cards and Food Protection Manager's Certificates
- Proper handwashing
- Clean and sanitized dishes, utensils, counters, and food equipment

Each year in the U.S.



**More than
9 million**
people get sick from
foodborne illness



56,000
people are hospitalized
from foodborne illness



**More than
1,300**
people die from
contaminated food
and drink

Food businesses without a letter grade have no food safety oversight to prevent foodborne illnesses, and are not being inspected by Public Health to ensure food safety rules are in place.

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EATING AT UNPERMITTED FOOD BUSINESSES INCREASES YOUR RISK OF GETTING SICK!

Here are some food businesses that must display a Public Health Letter Grade. It should be displayed where it is easily seen by customers:

- Restaurants
- Mobile food vendors (food trucks, trailers, carts, and boats)
- Markets
- Catering facilities
- Convenience Stores (including liquor stores and mini markets)

Note: The City of Long Beach and Pasadena have different grading systems since they have their own environmental health department.

Protect your health by purchasing food from food businesses with a Public Health Letter Grade.



Public Health wants to remind residents and visitors that sidewalk pop-up food vendors are not allowed under State law, and are not inspected for food safety.

For a full list of food businesses, visit:

ph.lacounty.gov/eh/business/food-businesses.htm

Learn more about preventing foodborne illness when eating out:

<https://bit.ly/CDCEatingoutsafety>

If you suspect you or a family member has a foodborne illness, call the Public Health Infoline, 1-833-540-0473, 7 days a week, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm