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## PUBLIC HEALTH

# Cockroach, rodent infestations, lack of hot water force temporary closures at 9 LA restaurants

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Nine restaurants in Los Angeles were temporarily closed last week because of major public health hazards.

Between Feb. 26 and March 4, those facilities had their health permits suspended for cockroach and rodent infestations, a lack of hot water and not having paper towels, according to a report from the Los Angeles County Public Health Department.

Restaurants and markets whose permits are suspended must close until another inspection determines the problems have been fixed. Closures can occur during routine and owner-initiated inspections, complaint investigations and reinspections.

The department did not provide details about the nature of the rodent and cockroach infestations — such as the number of cockroaches or rodent droppings and where in the facility they were found.

If a food facility is closed for a cockroach, rodent or fly infestation, sewage problems or for not having any water running through the facility it loses an additional seven points on top of the four points deducted for major health violations. Any time two major health hazards, such as unsafe food temperatures, are observed, the facility loses an additional three points in its inspection score.

Here are the food facilities that were temporarily closed. Unless otherwise noted, the grades listed for the facilities were received on the same day they were closed.

- **LOS PETATES RESTAURANT**

Location: 6116 1/2 E. Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90022

Closure reason: cockroaches

Closure date: Feb. 27

Reopen date: March 1

Grade: B (87)

- **SLAUSON FISH MARKET**

Location: 3420 W. Slauson Ave., Ste. H, Los Angeles, CA 90043

Closure reason: no available paper towels

Closure date: Feb. 28

Reopen date: March 1

Grade: C (74)

- LA PRIMERA MEAT MARKET

Location: 3425 E. 1st St., Ste. 123, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Closure reason: rodent infestation

Closure date: Feb. 28

Reopen date: March 2

Grade: B (81)

- EL LECHERO MARKET

Location: 4025 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004

Closure reason: rodent infestation

Closure date: Feb. 28

Reopen date: March 2

Grade: B (85)

- RASPADOS ZACATECAS

Location: 422 N. Ford Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90022

Closure reason: no hot water

Closure date: Feb. 28

Reopen date: March 1

Grade: A (93)

- FRANCOISA BAKERY

Location: 1015 S. Wall St., Ste. 117, Los Angeles, CA 90015

Closure reason: cockroaches

Closure date: March 1

Reopen date: no matching reopen date

Grade: C (72)

- LA OAXAQUENA MINI MARKET

Location: 5642 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90038

Closure reason: rodent infestation

Closure date: March 1

Reopen date: March 3

Grade: B (81)

- DERRICK'S JAMAICAN CUISINE

Location: 6806 S. La Tijera Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

Closure reason: rodent infestation

Closure date: March 1

Reopen date: March 3

Grade: B (80)

- COSAS BARRATAS

Location: 5616 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90038

Closure reason: rodent infestation

Closure date: March 2

Reopen date: no matching reopen date

Grade: B (83)