



## Consumer Alerts and Closures

### 2019 Consumer Alerts

#### **Breaking Eggs Bakery Kiosk**

301 South Hills Village Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15102  
(Bethel Park)

Posted: December 6, 2019

Removed: December 12, 2019

Violation:

Food from an unapproved source; Failure to utilize the permitted commissary for food preparation; and lack of refrigeration for previously noted food items. The facility was not storing and preparing all products in the commissary located at 222 Third Avenue (Carnegie) as required to then serve the products at the kiosk (301 South Hills Village Drive).

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#### **Las Velas**

21 Market Square  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
(Downtown)

Posted: November 6, 2019

Removed: November 8, 2019

Violation:

Recurrent violations including Improper cooling procedures; Food being held at improper cold holding temperature; Inadequate personal hygiene; Improper use of a toxic item; and Lack of a certified manager during the inspection. Violations also included: Food being held at improper hot holding temperature; Failure to monitor food temperatures with a probe thermometer; Inadequate cleaning and sanitization; and Inadequate pest control.

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#### **Jamaica Faraway Kitchen**

(Food Stand at Monster Pumpkin Festival)

Posted: October 19, 2019

**Temporary Permit Expired**

Violation:

Improper reheating; Improper hot and cold holding; Inadequate facilities to transport food; Inadequate facilities to hold food cold; Lack of an appropriate food probe thermometer; Lack of means to wash, rinse and sanitize utensils; Improper storage of in-use utensils; and Inadequate personal hygiene.

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**The Restaurant at Grand View Golf Club**

1000 Clubhouse Dr.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15104  
(Braddock Hills)

Posted: October 7, 2019

Removed: October 16, 2019

Violation:

Recurrent violations including: Rodent infestation and adulterated foods; Foods requiring temperature control for safety at unsafe temperatures; Foods improperly cooled; Malfunctioning facilities to maintain food temperatures; and Lack of a Certified Food Protection Manager.

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**Hough's Taproom**

563 Greenfield Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
(Greenfield)

Posted: September 19, 2019

Removed: September 24, 2019

Violation:

Food in unsound condition; Improper cooling of foods; Food held past the discard date; Inadequate cleaning and sanitization; Presence of pests; Improper use of chemicals in critical areas of the facility; and the absence of a certified Food Protection Manager.

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**Rite Aid**

109 Allegheny River Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15139  
(Oakmont)

Posted: September 13, 2019

Removed: September 20, 2019

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Violation:  
Sewage backing up in the employees' toilet rooms.

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### **Las Palmas**

700 Brookline Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15226  
(Brookline)

Posted: August 21, 2019  
Removed: See "Closures" Sep. 3, 2019 below

Violation:  
Unsafe cold-holding temperatures; Improper cooling of foods; Lack of sufficient and properly functioning refrigeration; Cross-contamination not prevented; Poor employee hygiene; Lack of sufficient and properly functioning handwashing facilities; and Fly infestations.

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### **Burgatory**

932 Freeport Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
(Aspinwall)

Posted: August 15, 2019  
Removed: August 16, 2019

Violation:  
Contamination Prevention; Facilities not maintaining foods at safe temperatures; Unsafe cold holding; Unsafe hot holding; Presence of insects.

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### **Thai Touch Kitchen**

665 Washington Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15228  
(Mt. Lebanon)

Posted: July 31, 2019  
Removed: August 2, 2019

Violation:  
Failure to prevent contamination of food; Improper employee practices for personal cleanliness; Failure to properly clean and sanitize equipment and utensils; Improper cooling of cooked food; Unsafe cold holding temperatures for food and ineffective measures to control insects in kitchen.

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**Royal Caribbean Takeout**

1568 Montier Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221  
(Wilkinsburg)

Posted: July 22, 2019

Removed: July 31, 2019

**Violation:**

Evidence of sewage backup in basement; Rainwater flooding toilet room; Food and paper goods contaminated from clean-up; Lack of Certified Food Protection Manager.

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**Dive Bar and Grille**

5147 Butler Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201  
(Lawrenceville)

Posted: July 25, 2019

Removed: July 26, 2019

**Violation:**

Recurrent violations concerning unsafe cold holding due to refrigeration units which do not assure the maintenance and cooling of food at required temperatures.

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**Edgar's Best Tacos**

Pittsburgh Taco Festival @ Highmark Stadium

510 W. Station Square St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Posted: June 1, 2019

Removed: July 25, 2019

**Violation:**

Unsafe cold food temperatures; Cold holding units not maintaining temperature; Employees not washing hands; No soap for handwashing.

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**R & B's Pizza**

421 Lincoln Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
(Bellvue)

Posted: July 9, 2019

Removed: July 11, 2019

Violation:

Unsafe holding temperatures; Malfunctioning facilities to maintain temperatures; Lack of probe thermometer.

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**Fortune Star Buffet**

591 Clairton Blvd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15236

(Pleasant Hills)

Posted: July 3, 2019

Removed: July 8, 2019

Violation:

Cross-contamination of foods; Unsafe holding temperatures of foods; Facilities unable to maintain safe temperatures; Equipment and utensils not properly cleaned and sanitized; Dish machine not sanitizing.

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**Ichiban Steakhouse**

983 Freeport Rd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15238)

(Pittsburgh, 12th Ward)

Posted: June 27, 2019

Removed: July 1, 2019

Violation:

Unsafe cooling of foods; Unsafe cold-holding temperatures; Facilities to maintain food temperatures malfunctioning; Contaminated utensils; Utensils not properly cleaned and sanitized.

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**Smallman Galley**

2016 Smallman St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

(Strip District)

Posted: June 26, 2019

Removed: June 28, 2019

Violation:

Unsafe cold holding; Unsafe cooling of foods; Mouse infestation/chewed product; Inadequate

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handwashing facilities/sinks blocked; Inadequate sanitization of food contact surfaces; Poor personal employee hygiene; Foods not protected from cross-contamination.

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**Mallorca**

2228 E. Carson St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203  
(South Side)

Posted: May 20, 2019

Removed: May 23, 2019

Violation:

Unsafe thawing of vacuum packaged fish; unsafe cooling of prepared foods; lack of temperature monitoring; foods at unsafe temperatures; malfunctioning facilities to maintain safe food temperatures; cross-contamination not prevented; poor employee personal hygiene; food contact surfaces soiled, and not properly cleaned and sanitized; lack of demonstration of food safety knowledge; employee toilet not clean; incomplete date-marking of prepared foods.

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**Family Dollar #31940**

1211 Chartiers Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
(Crafton Heights/Elliott)

Posted: May 9, 2019

Removed: May 20, 2019

Violation:

Mouse infestation.

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**Lidia's**

1400 Smallman Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
(Strip District)

Posted: May 7, 2019

Removed: May 10, 2019

Violation:

Prep coolers not working/not maintaining proper cold food temperatures; Unsafe cold holding of potentially hazardous foods; Ready-to-eat, potentially hazardous foods held past use-by date; Foods improperly cooled.

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**Spork Pit**

5349 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
(Bloomfield)

Posted: April 23, 2019  
Removed: May 7, 2019

**Violation:**

Use of modified atmosphere packaging without written permission; Lack of effective pest control measures; Unsafe procedures for reheating previously cooked food : Unsafe hot food holding temperature; and, Failure to use a product thermometer to assure proper food storage temperature.

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**Family Dollar #31940**

1211 Chartiers Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
(Crafton Heights/Elliott)

Posted: April 18, 2019  
Removed: April 29, 2019

**Violation:**

Rodent infestation found during a compliance check and a complaint investigation.

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**Me Lyng**

213 W. 8th Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120  
(Homestead)

Posted: March 28, 2019  
Removed: April 8, 2019

**Violation:**

Mouse infestation; Lack of a Certified Food Protection manager; Food-contact surfaces not properly cleaned and sanitized.

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**Family Dollar #31940**

1211 Chartiers Avenue  
Pittsburgh, 15220  
(Crafton Heights/Elliott)

Posted: March 6, 2019  
Removed: March 18, 2019

Violation:  
Significant mouse infestation; Food chewed/damaged by rodents.

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### **Las Palmas #2**

326 Atwood St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(Oakland)

Posted: January 24, 2019  
Removed: February 4, 2019

Violation:  
Certified manager not present, Roach infestation, Inadequate handwashing facilities, Inadequate sewage disposal/leaking toilet.

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### **Dragon Town**

503 Lincoln Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
(Bellevue)

Posted: January 18, 2019  
Removed: January 28, 2019

Violation:  
Unsafe cold holding and unsafe cooling of foods requiring temperature control for safety; Cross-contamination not prevented; Utensils and food-contact surfaces not cleaned and sanitized; lack of a Certified Food Protection Manager; Eating and smoking in the kitchen.

## **2019 Closures**

**Huc's Hideaway (Thomas Lounge)**



522 Rosedale St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221  
(Homewood)

Posted: December 6, 2019  
Removed: February 7, 2020

Violation:

Operating without a health permit and lacking necessary facilities to issue a permit. Violations include unsound condition of food, inadequate cold holding temperatures, inadequate facilities to maintain food cold, improper storage of raw and ready-to-eat foods, lack of means to wash, rinse and sanitize kitchenware and utensils, lack of a hand sink in the kitchen, use of unapproved toxics, lack of a certified food protection manager, and lack of ventilation for cooking equipment.

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**Braddock's Own Foods**

706 Braddock Ave.  
Braddock, PA 15112

Posted: December 4, 2019  
Removed:

Violation:

Operating without a valid health permit; Foods held at unsafe temperatures; Lack of commercial refrigeration to store foods that require temperature control for safety; No means so sanitize equipment and utensils; Lack of dedicated hand sink(s); Lack of a utility sink; Inadequate ventilation; and, No thermometer to monitor temperatures. The facility was also cited for failure to submit plans prior to construction.

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**Evolver Tattoo Arts**

1906 Penn Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Posted: May 30, 2019  
Removed:

Violation:

Operating an outdoor BBQ/meat smoking food stand without a permit.

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**PWX/Fight Society Battle Grounds**

2025 Beacon St.  
McKeesport, PA 15132

Posted: May 1, 2019

Removed:

Violation:

Operating a food facility without a permit, no hot water, lack of facilities to maintain hot and cold food temperatures.

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### **Delicious Foods - Mobile Food Unit**

23rd St. @ Penn Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

(Strip District)

Posted: April 10, 2019

Removed:

Violation:

Repeat Violator. Open and operating a BBQ food stand without a valid permit and proper equipment.

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### **Secrets**

7232 Kelly St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15208

(Homewood)

Posted: December 14, 2019

Removed: **Permanently Closed**

Violation:

The subject facility was ordered closed on 12/14 between 2 and 3 am during raids completed by the Nuisance Bar Task Force. The facility was open and operating without a health permit, lacked a hand sink in the kitchen, utilized home-style refrigeration, had no means to sanitize kitchenware, and lacked a 3-bowl sink. Secrets also did not have a liquor license.

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### **Halal Pitt Mobile Unit (XLW-5007)**

38 E Main St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15106

(Operating in Oakland)

Posted: November 14, 2019

Removed: November 15, 2019

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Violation:

Unsafe hot holding temperatures; Inadequate facilities to maintain food cold; Lack of a food probe thermometer; Improper personal hygiene; No means to clean and sanitize in-use utensils/food contact surfaces; and Inadequate handwashing facilities.

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**Greek Stop**

3392 Saxonburg Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15116  
(Glenshaw)

Posted: October 10, 2019  
Removed: October 11, 2019

Violation:

Lack of properly functioning refrigeration, foods held at unsafe temperatures, and lack of certified Food Protection Manager.

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**El Turco Burger Shack**

305 N. Craig St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(Oakland)

Posted: October 10, 2019  
Removed: **Permanently Closed**

Violation:

Operating without a valid health permit; Failure to provide complete construction plans and have them approved prior to construction; Failure to provide at least 10 days notification prior to opening.

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**Stuff'd Pierogi Bar**

130 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

(This closure is specific to operations at the Pittsburgh Pierogi Festival @ Kennywood Park on September 22, and is not related to the 7th street location above)

Posted: September 22, 2019  
Removed: **Temporary Permit Expired**

Violation:

Large quantities of food were at unsafe temperatures and lacked temperature maintenance

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facilities; The owner interfered with inspection and failed to provide access for the purposes of inspection.

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**Mixed with Love Cake & Cookie**

250 S. Pacific Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
(Bloomfield)

Posted: September 4, 2019

Removed: **Permanently Closed**

Violation:

Notice was provided at the private residence of a permit holder in Pleasant Hills after failure to provide access for inspection. Permit had been obtained for production in a commercial kitchen at above address. The operator has not been using the Pacific Ave location and the permit had also been allowed to expire without renewal. Violations include being open and operating without a valid health permit and suspected operation of a food facility within room(s) used as living quarters.

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**Bunns-Food for the Soul Kitchen**

1439-1/2 Elm St.  
Pittsburgh, PA  
(Wilkinsburg)

Posted: August 13, 2019

**Permanently Closed**

Violation:

Operating a food facility without a valid health permit.

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**Bruegger's Bagel Bakery**

3716 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(Oakland)

Posted: August 9, 2019

Removed: August 13, 2019

Violation:

Sewage pooling in the basement; water dripping above a food preparation/service area; improper cold holding; malfunctioning refrigeration equipment; and failure to notify ACHD Food Safety of an emergency condition.

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**Brown Sugar Soul Food**

(Temporary Facility)  
Harambee Arts Festival  
Kelly St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15208  
(Homewood)

Posted: August 4, 2019

Removed: **Permanently Closed**

Violation:

Foods being cooked/prepared at home; Improper hot holding temperatures; Inadequate facilities to maintain food temperatures; Lack of a food probe thermometer; Inadequate handwashing facilities/inadequate personal hygiene; Lack of sanitizer; and Operating without a health permit.

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**McDonald's**

1865 New Texas Rd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15239  
(Plum)

Posted: July 24, 2019

Removed: July 25, 2019

Violation:

Ordered to close due to flooding; Operating prior to sufficient and adequate cleaning and sanitizing; Failed to notify department of emergency situation.

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**Azimers Pizza Place**

346 Atwood Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Posted: July 19, 2019

Removed: July 24, 2019

Violation:

Lack of facilities to maintain food product temperature; Inability to demonstrate knowledge in food safety; Unsafe cold holding temperatures; Bare-hand contact with foods that are ready-to-eat; Eating in kitchen; Food temperatures not monitored; Certified Food Protection manager not present; and Inadequate sanitization.

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### **Auk & Majai's Soul Food Kitchen**

Christopher Ivy

1963 Sedgwick St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Posted: July 11, 2019

Removed: **Permanently Closed**

Violation:

Illegal operation; cease and desist order given.

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### **Subway**

5301 Grove Rd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Posted: July 11, 2019

Removed: July 17, 2019

Violation:

Food at unsafe temperatures and lack of properly functioning facilities to maintain temperatures.

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### **Eatalian Em Pizzeria**

4140 Saw Mill Run Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15227  
(Brentwood)

Posted: June 25, 2019

Removed: June 26, 2019

Violation:

Raw sewage back-up in the kitchen/food prep area.

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### **PGH Crepes Trailer (XGW-9046)**

4901 Baum Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(Oakland)

Posted: April 18, 2019

Removed: May 1, 2019

Violation:

Probe-type thermometers not provided/used, Unsafe cold holding, Certified manager not present,

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Inadequate handwashing facilities, No water available on mobile unit, No sanitization of equipment and utensils, Foods not protected from cross contamination.

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**Taco Del Campus (aka Elle Taco)**

412 Semple St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(Oakland)

Posted: March 19, 2019

Removed: April 4, 2019

Violation:

Open and operating without a permit; had constructed a food facility prior to plan approval.

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**La Palapa - Food Truck**

Truck-a-Palooza

Pittsburgh, PA 15140  
(Monroeville Mall)

Posted: March 9, 2019

Removed: March 19, 2019

Violation:

Unsafe cold holding temperatures, Inadequate water supply.

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**Bubba's Bar & Grill**

312-314 Ringgold St.  
McKeesport, PA 15132

Posted: February 26, 2019

Removed: **Permanently Closed**

Violation:

Water, natural gas and electric service had all been interrupted or terminated to the building and it is not safe for the continued operation of a food facility until those services have been restored.

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**Unpermitted Food Facility aka IGH412**

211 Pinewood Square  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
(Penn Hills)

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Posted: February 15, 2019

**Permanently Closed**

Violation:

A cease and desist order was issued to a person operating an unpermitted food facility out of their residence.

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**Unpermitted Food Facility**

700 Brookline Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15226  
(Brookline)

Posted: February 8, 2019

**Permanently Closed**

Violation:

A cease and desist order was issued to a person operating an unpermitted food facility out of their residence.

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**Las Palmas #2**

326 Atwood St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(Oakland)

Posted: February 4, 2019

Removed: February 5, 2019

Violation:

A reinspection was conducted on 2/4/19 at the subject facility at which time the facility was ordered to close. This was a 10-day follow-up after a Consumer Alert was posted 1/24/19. The following repeated violations remained: Certified manager not present; Roach infestation; Inadequate handwashing facilities; Inadequate sewage disposal/leaking toilet; A new high risk condition was also identified: Lack of sanitization of dishes/ utensils.

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**Little Red Food Truck / Easy Flavors**

PA# XKR-6052 - Mobile Food Unit operated by Keith Janssen Catering - was found operating at vacant lot on Gibsonia Rd. (west of Middle Rd.)  
Pittsburgh, PA 15044  
(West Deer Twp.)

Posted: January 17, 2019

Removed: January 28, 2019

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Violation:

Open and operating a food stand without a valid health permit and proper equipment. (**Note:** This is the second time the individual operating this business was found operating without a health permit, see July 19, 2018 Closure.)

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**Empire Palace**

5100 Corporate Dr.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
(McCandless Twp.)

Posted: January 23, 2019

Removed: January 25, 2019

Violation:

Extensive leaks into the walk-in cooler and throughout the facility.

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**Bea Taco Town**

633 Smithfield St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
(Downtown)

Posted: January 22, 2019

Removed: January 24, 2019

Violation:

Wastewater draining into the basement and lack of valid health permit.