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Kent County Health Department Allows XO Asian Cuisine to Reopen

GRAND RAPIDS, MI. – The Kent County Health Department (KCHD) will allow XO Asian Cuisine, 58 Monroe Center NW, Grand Rapids, to resume operations after inspecting the facility today.

On April 21, 2016, KCHD served XO Asian Cuisine with an order to cease and desist operation for seven days after nearly 30 food code violations were observed during a surprise inspection. The owners of XO had agreed to increased enforcement, including surprise inspections, for a period of one year during a hearing held March 10th. That hearing was held as a result of the restaurants chronic issues of noncompliance with Michigan Food Law.

During the preopening inspection today KCHD sanitarians concluded that the owners and employees had made the needed changes to the facility to again serve food to the public.

“We are encouraged by the progress that has been made, however, this action did not give us an opportunity to observe a working restaurant. Today we could only see the operations readiness to serve the public,” said Max Bjorkman Supervising Sanitarian with the Kent County Health Department’s Environmental Health Division. “We will continue to monitor XO’s progress once the restaurant reopens.”

XO may reopen as early as tomorrow, however, that decision will be made by the owners of the establishment.

KCHD has High Definition video of the inspection on thumb drives available at its office located at 700 Fuller NE.

KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 265 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and three satellite clinics located in Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.